



# A-BOARD 'FARCE' SPARKS RETHINK

BY MEGAN ARCHER

**A COUNCIL policy that forces traders to pay a fee to set up street furniture could be re-considered – after fierce protests from local businesses.**

At the end of last year, Cannock Chase Council introduced charges for A-boards, tables and chairs, stalls or other street furniture outside town centre premises.

Small cafes were expected to pay as much as £500 a year to have tables and chairs on the pavement – a move which proved unpopular among nearly all traders. But after months of campaigning, business owners and local councillors have managed to get the council's scrutiny committee to review the policy.

An all-party working group has been instigated to review the policy with the issue set to be brought before the Promoting Prosperity Scrutiny Committee in the near future.

The Conservative Group in Cannock welcomed the move with district councillor for Western Springs Olivia Lyons saying: "Our town centres are under attack from online retailers, and local businesses are really struggling to make ends meet.

## Decent

"If we are to promote town centre regeneration and make them attractive places to visit, we really need to give our local traders support to make a decent living."

Hednesford South Councillor Paul Woodhead, of the Green Party, hopes councillors will listen to concerns in the review. He said: "Having A-boards and goods and wares out on the high street adds to the vibrancy of the town. It looks very sanitised otherwise. This policy has been very unpopular with traders and residents.

"It feels like a bit of a farce, that we have this in place when we don't need it. We need to support businesses and get people using our town centres again. We know the pressures high streets are under, competing with online businesses. We need to look at ways we can increase and support our local businesses, and putting this policy in place does the opposite."

Councillor Woodhead helped put together a feedback form for traders to take to the council.

A petition was also set up on [change.org](http://change.org) by Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling, which now has nearly 2,000 signatures.

Councillor Woodhead added: "Some traders have paid the cost, others are just putting their A-boards out until they're told not to, and some have removed them completely."

## CHARLIE MAKES A SPLASH WITH PHOTOGRAPH



Charlie Chandler's photograph will appear in the Royal Yachting Association's 2019 ilovesailing calendar

AN amateur photographer will see his print appear in a 2019 sailing calendar after winning a competition organised by the sport's governing body, the RYA.

Charlie Chandler's snapshot was taken at Chasewater on a sunny Saturday in June as his fellow Chase Sailing Club members, Eden Hyland and Issy Tate, were in training for the upcoming GP14 class World Championships in Cornwall at the end of this month.

Eden, who will be sailing with his brother

Josh, is among a large contingent of Chase sailors heading to the Worlds at Mounts Bay SC between 28 July and 3 August.

The RYA's annual ilovesailing competition sees two images chosen as winners each month between March and July to feature in its calendar the following year.

Charlie enjoys racing his single-handed Blaze dinghy at Chase most Saturdays.

He said: "I was on rescue duty during club racing and, as it was so nice and sunny with

some half decent breeze, I thought I'd take my GoPro out with me. I've always been inspired by some of the action shots from top events at locations such as Garda so thought I'd try and see what I could produce – a photo that would be exciting to me.

"It's fantastic to win the competition. For me, sailing is all about having fun and satisfying my quietly competitive nature. I love club racing where it is all about having fun, a bit of informal racing and then a quick beer after."

## EMERGENCY

### Firefighters battle blaze in woodland

FIREFIGHTERS battled a blaze that stretched nearly three quarters the size of a football pitch at Shoal Hill Common.

The 43,000 sq ft fire in the Cannock woodland was believed to have been started deliberately. Crews from Cannock, Penkridge and Chase Terrace tackled the blaze for almost 10 hours after arriving shortly after 1.30am on Friday.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service has since issued a warning against playing with fire as part of its Flames Aren't Games campaign.

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## POLICE

### Security warning follows break-ins

PEOPLE are being warned to review their security around garages and out-buildings after two break-ins were reported in Staffordshire.

A garage in Milton, near Penkridge, was broken into overnight between Friday and Saturday and items including a Karachi paint sprayer were taken.

This followed a garden shed break-in in Dunston overnight between July 3 and 4 when two petrol mowers, a generator and two axes were taken.

## HEALTH

### Bosses in pledge as A&E targets missed

NHS bosses have vowed to do more to improve urgent care and hospital discharges after targets were missed.

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNIM) failed to meet the target for A&E waits of less than four hours during all four quarters of 2017-18. And 508 patients endured waits on trolleys for at least 12 hours – the target is zero.

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# Plea to work pals over deadly illness



Mick Davies in the 1960s

THE widow of a factory worker who died from an asbestos-related cancer is appealing for former colleagues to help her find out how her husband came to be exposed to the deadly substance.

Michael Davies, of Cannock, died in October last year aged 74, a month after being diagnosed with the lung disease mesothelioma.

The terminal illness takes decades to develop following exposure to harmful asbestos.

Mr Davies, known as Mick, started work at typewriter firm Smith Corona in West Bromwich, once a centre

for typewriting manufacturing, in the 1950s after leaving school.

He worked as part of the maintenance team as an apprentice, mainly on welding, until around 1965.

### Answers

His widow Patricia said: "This terrible illness took him so very quickly and we were shocked at how quickly the illness took him from us."

"I would really like answers as to how Mick came to develop this dreadful illness."

Originally called British Typewriters

Ltd, operating out of the Salter factory in Thomas Street, the business moved to Birmingham Road, West Bromwich, shortly before it was acquired by Smith Corona Marchant.

The building is still in existence, standing next to the traffic island for the M5 motorway junction. The firm itself closed in 1981.

Anyone with any information about working conditions at Smith Corona in the early 1960s is asked to contact Alida Coates at Irwin Mitchell by calling 0121 214 5230 or email [alida.coates@irwinmitchell.com](mailto:alida.coates@irwinmitchell.com)

# County's force to send 100 officers for Trump

**UP to 100 officers from Staffordshire are expected to be sent to London for Donald Trump's visit despite growing concerns about crime across the county.**

Staffordshire Police has declined to disclose the number of officers it will be sending to the capital to deal with protesters but it is thought to be around 100.

It comes after it was revealed that the force has seen a 26 per cent drop in officer numbers over the past seven years.

Meanwhile, a combination of hot weather and England's World Cup win over Sweden meant Staffordshire Police faced exceptionally high demand at the weekend.

A total of 3,643 calls were made to the control room on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, operators took 841 calls to the 999 number, while the 101 number received 988 calls. The demand for 999 emergencies went down, to 779 calls, on Sunday but the number of 101 calls rose to 1,015.

### Problems

Councillors have expressed their concerns over the move to help police the four-day visit as the US president arrives today (Thursday). Police are to mobilise in numbers not seen since the 2011 riots.

Councillor Ann Edgeller, a member of the Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel, said: "We have got major concerns with crime. In the space of only four days, two cars were stolen, a garage was broken into, Domino's takeaway was broken into, we have had problems with travellers, and an ATM was blown off the wall at the Co-op."

"I understand there are concerns. The fact is we have to keep him safe while he is here. It is up to the Chief Constable to make the decision about whether he believes we have enough officers to spare, and I support that."

Staffordshire Police referred to a statement by the National Police Coordination Centre that said it is 'currently in discussions with forces' about how the demands of the operation will be met. West Midlands Police will dispatch 400 officers.

## Ice Maiden is happy in the sun



Sandy Hennis with Aston University Engineering Academy students, left, Cpl Aalliyah Reid and Cpl Jamie Mill

NOT even a 30-degree heatwave can melt this Ice Maiden.

Major Sandy Hennis has returned from her Antarctica expedition and is now turning her attention to educating people on what they can achieve.

And despite braving -40 degree conditions with the Ice Maidens, the heat of the West Midlands didn't knock her out of her stride. "It's ridiculously hot!" she laughed.

"But the body can adapt to anything, there is a huge range of

environmental situations we can endure, so I'm holding up."

Born in Gornal and now living in Cannock, the Army Reservist Officer, who is with 37 Signal Regiment based in Redditch, was at Aston University for the Military in the Midlands event to talk about her experiences.

Before the trek, she trained on Cannock Chase where she could be seen dragging an old Land Rover tyre in preparation for the challenge.



Training on Cannock Chase

# BGT finalist to take his fast-paced act on tour

FRESH from coming second in this year's Britain's Got Talent, Robert White is out on tour and coming to the Prince of Wales Centre in Cannock.

White wowed the judges and viewers alike with his fast-paced comedy routines when he made the BGT finals.

He is now set to take all that fun television viewers saw on their screens to venues throughout the country as he announces his debut UK tour.

White has performed all over the country including the Hackney Empire and the Edinburgh festival.

"One review summed him up as a 'ball of comedic energy so sharp and expansive you could almost feel the static crackling through your hair'."

The review added: "His sweet, sincere appearance is in sharp contrast to the deluge of perverse wordplay and hilariously disgraceful insinuations."

A spokesman for his tour said: "Robert got four Yes's from the the BGT judges and here's your chance to press the Yes button and enjoy his unique comedy style." White will be performing in Cannock on Thursday, March 7.

Tickets available on 01543 578762 or at [boxoffice.wlct.org](mailto:boxoffice.wlct.org)



Robert White

## Pupils go sci-fi with their novel

PUPILS at a school in Hednesford have written a novel.

The Year 9 and 10 students from Staffordshire University Academy wrote the book for publication as part of a new partnership with Higher Horizons and White Water Writers.

Richard Seymour, creative writing lecturer and project facilitator, worked with students Jude Dawes, Shaun Shaughnessy, Megan Wright, Lewis Askey, Todd Brooks, Sasha Crawford, Chloe Fern-Everett, Summer Fullwood and Anisha Sey to create the work.

Mr Seymour said: "I have been incredibly impressed by the attitude of the writers. They worked very well as a group." The Protocol XIII, a dystopian/sci-fi-comedy, will be on sale shortly.

## Books valuation day

A BOOKS, maps and antiques valuation day will be held at Erasmus Darwin House in Beacon Street, Lichfield, on Friday, July 20, from 2 to 4pm. For further details, contact Adrian Rathbone on 01283 733988 or email [arathbone@hansonsauctioneers.co.uk](mailto:arathbone@hansonsauctioneers.co.uk)

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# Leader of new Ladder School is appointed

A PRINCIPAL designate has been appointed for a new school set to open in Walsall in January.

Chris Bury has been appointed to head up the new Ladder School which will open on the former Shannon's Mill site.

Having been a teacher for the last 10 years, Mr Bury has worked in a number of different teaching roles, most recently as assistant head-teacher at King-smead School in Hednesford.

There he has headed up the effective running of behaviour, attendance and special educational needs.

Educated at Cannock Chase High School, he returned to the school to complete his initial teacher training through the graduate teacher programme.

"I think the Ladder School will provide a unique opportunity for the young people in Walsall. I can't wait to get started in September."

The Shannon's Mill site in the centre of Walsall was the scene of one of the town's biggest ever fires in 2007, leaving the Victorian building devastated.

The development comes on the back of the Ladder for the Black Country launched in the Chronicle's sister newspaper, the Express & Star.

## IT firm comes up with 'perfect fit'

CUSTOMERS of a power supplies company are enjoying speedier product delivery and more competitive pricing thanks to a Rugeley firm.

Ecopac Power, based in Long Cren-don, Buckinghamshire, has invested in a bespoke IT solution.

Partnering with software developer DBLogic (DBL), of Station Road, Rugeley, the company has implemented a custom-built sales/purchase order processing and stock-control system.

Dave Barrett, managing director of DBL, which has been supporting Ecopac Power since 1997, said: "Eco-pac Power takes full advantage of the flexibility we offer and, as a result, is reaping the benefits of an IT system that is a perfect fit for its business."

## Bargains at church

A SUMMER mini-market takes place at St Stephen's Church in Bid-eford Way, Cannock, from 9.30am to 11.15am on Saturday. Bargains to be had include toys, books, gifts, jigsaws and clothes. There will also be a cafe.



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# We need a sea change over litter threat

AS we head into the summer and enjoy this fine weather, the kids will be off school, and many will be heading away for day trips, weekends away or holidays, we can still reduce our impact on the environment and take our good habits with us on our travels.

I spent last weekend enjoying the sunshine, sand and sea in Barmouth and met many residents who are looking after the beaches, reducing the packaging being used in the town and monitoring the changes in the sea with temperature and wildlife.

Huge numbers of people visit the seaside town throughout the summer and enjoy the sandy beaches, warm welcome and shallow seas.

But whilst many clear up their litter as they leave,

In his latest Green Living column, **PAUL WOODHEAD** issues a reminder about reducing litter at the seaside



some do not, and as we walked the shoreline with the rising tide and idyllic sunset in the background the plastics and rubbish were being washed out to sea.

Sandwich wrappers, soft drink bottles and even bags from McDonalds (even though the nearest one is a 90-minute drive away!) were left for the sea to claim and harm the wildlife.

So please plan ahead when enjoying the summer in places near and far, avoid single-use plastics, take a picnic in containers you will take home with you.

The friendly locals will refill your reusable water bottle or fill your own coffee cup with their hot drink and ask for an ice cream in a cone rather than a packet.

Finally, take a bag of your own to collect up all your rubbish, and if someone else has left some litter, pick it up with your own please.

The beaches are for everyone, and this is the frontline of battle to protect the planet.

I am taking the [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org) challenge and I hope you will have a go too; little changes make big differences.

If you have your own tips for sustainable living please get in touch and we will share them in a future article.

# Massive wildfire blaze rips across beauty spot

**A HUGE blaze lit up the sky as flames ripped across Hednesford Hills. Firefighters spent hours tackling the grassland fire at the beauty spot, off Reservoir Road and Rawnsley Road.**

Smoke could be seen billowing over the Cannock Chase district in the early hours of the morning. The fire, which started at about 3.35am on Thursday involved about 43,000 sq ft of gorse and heather.

It is understood to have been started accidentally. The fire came after Staffordshire Fire and Rescue reported its busiest time of the year, as it faced high demand due to the problems caused by the heatwave.

Glynn Luznyj, director of prevent and protect at the service, said: "I'd like to thank all our firefighters and control staff, who have gone above and beyond, working extra hours to deal with some very challenging incidents."

"Our whole-time firefighters have worked over their duty hours, while our retained firefighters have given additional hours, and for this we are very grateful."

"We really need the public to help prevent incidents happening in the first place - it's appalling that almost 70 per cent of secondary fires in June were started deliberately. This is unacceptable."

Fire crews from Cannock, Chase Terrace, Rugeley and Penkridge attended the incident at Hednesford Hills.

Sarah Davidson, spokesperson for Staffordshire Police, said: "The fire involved approximately 50 metres by 80 metres of gorse and heather. It is believed the fire started accidentally."



Flames seen over the rooftops Picture: Gavin Fry



Richard Simkin with grandsons Edward, aged five, and Thomas, three, at Essington Farm

## Richard picked a winner with farm

A FAMILY-RUN farm is celebrating 40 years of growing and picking fresh strawberries.

Run by the Simkin family, Essington Farm started small - meant for just picking strawberries - but now boasts a farm shop and restaurant. Owner Richard Simkin said the fun, family activity of strawberry picking has become more popular in the last five years.

He said: "It's important young children see and understand where and how fruit is grown, an experience you definitely don't get in a supermarket."

He added that strawberry picking itself has changed over the last 40 years.

"In the early 1980s people bought more of the fruit as they had larger freezers and there were fewer large chain supermarkets that sold strawberries all year round," he said.

"But now, people come to pick them for the fun of it."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Garden party in aid of research

A GARDEN party in Hednesford raised £270 for research into Parkinson's Disease.

The event, attended by more than 30 people, was hosted by Thor Close resident Christine Sharrock, who herself has had the condition for nearly 20 years.

"We had a lot of help for this garden gathering, from our close family, who were stars, and friends we could not do without, and my husband John, who is my rock," she said.

"We had a great afternoon," Christine added.

"I wanted to try and help the charity make a difference, for the future generation, with the hope of finding a cure. It is not a nice disease."

## Pupils in driving seat for scheme

MORE than 250 pupils tested cars built during a 12-week programme to improve their interest in science and engineering.

The primary school children were at Lichfield Cathedral to test the vehicles, following the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) programme. Awards were handed to winners and runners-up, while certificates were given to all who took part.

The community education scheme was delivered by the Smallpeice Trust, a charity providing programmes to promote engineering careers.

## Award for friary site developer

RETIREMENT living developer PegasusLife has won an award for its Chapter House scheme in Lichfield.

It picked up the HAPPI accolade for the development of 38 apartments on the site of a former friary. The principles of HAPPI - Housing our Ageing Population Panel for Innovation - are based on 10 design criteria including good light, ventilation, and storage.

The Chapter House win is the fourth in a row for PegasusLife at the Housing Design Awards.

## Author on lookout for wartime photographs

AN author has issued an appeal for photographs to be featured in a book about wartime Hednesford, Wimblebury and Rawnsley.

Anthony Hunt requires pictures of anyone who fought in the Boer War or either world war. "I will gladly collect and return them," he said.

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# COUNTY NEWS

## Britons hiding up to £69bn in debts

NEW research suggests 16 per cent of people in the UK have debts they have hidden from their partner. Direct Line Life Insurance says an estimated 8.3 million Brits are hiding more than £69 billion of debt from loved ones.

Direct Line says the average debt hidden from a partner in the UK is £8,293, which would take about 15 weeks for the average Brit to pay off, even if committing their entire earnings to clearing the debt.

The largest number of hidden debts are on credit cards with 5.6m Brits owing an average of £2,109, or cumulatively £11.7bn, their partner doesn't know about.

## Fuel prices fall below UK average

THE price for unleaded petrol and diesel in the West Midlands was below the national average last month, according to the latest AA Public Affairs fuel price report.

The region's motorists were paying 128.4p a litre (£5.83 a gallon) compared to the UK average of 128.8p (£5.85). Diesel was 131.2p per litre (£5.96) against the national figure of 131.7p (£5.98).

Nationally average unleaded prices were up 3.3p per litre and diesel by 3.4p on the month.

The South East has recorded the highest prices for unleaded at 129.5p per litre and diesel at 132.4p.

## Online tribute to demolished library

THE now-demolished Birmingham Central Library has been honoured in an online tribute to Britain's lost 20th century architecture. Demolishing Modernism features 10 of Britain's most iconic lost post-war gems.

Designed by famed architect John Madin, Birmingham Central Library was the largest public library in Europe when built and was one of three Brutalist buildings in the UK identified by the World Monuments Fund in 2012 as the best of their kind.

## Seaside tales return to the Black Country

A SHOW is returning for a series of performances. The Black Country Touring's Life's A Beach show was devised from stories of seaside visits gathered in the area.

See it at Caldmore Community Garden, Walsall, on August 18; YMCA, West Bromwich, August 19; Tipton Library, August 22; Thimblemill Library, August 23; and Lightwoods House, Smethwick, August 26.

# Bosses improve standard by degrees



Ean Jones, left, and Paul Proud

A GREAT Wyrley firm is taking precautions to keep its customers up and running during hot weather.

Air conditioning and refrigeration specialist 24-Seven Cooling is making sure that any new equipment it supplies and installs will work in an ambient temperature of up to 35C. The com-

pany, which carries out work at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton and several supermarkets, says it is vital to take account of temperature spikes.

It is one of the first refrigeration businesses in the country to prepare for such high temperatures, which it hopes will prevent costly

breakdowns. Currently the industry standard for cooling systems is that they operate up to 32C.

Managing director Ean Jones said: "Some people have looked back at summer temperatures in recent years and concluded that on average they've only gone up by 1C, but that's not what

counts. It's the temperature spikes you have to look at.

"We don't feel the present standard of 32C is sufficient."

Mr Jones and fellow director Paul Proud have had their fingers on the pulse of climate change since starting in the trade 30 years ago - when the industry standard was 28C.

# Church takes fond look back at 50 golden years



Marian and Derek Griffiths, who opened the exhibition



The church as it looks today



Churchgoer Zaphne Stretton views the exhibition



An early picture of parishioners posing for the camera



Trinity Wesleyan Ladies Fellowship, 1950s



A mother and toddler group at the church in 1982

**CHURCH** leaders looked back on half a century of history during a special event to mark its 50th anniversary.

Trinity Methodist Church in Norton Canes opened its doors to invite people to view an exhibition looking back at how the church was formed and evolved through the years.

Ian Straughan, senior steward, was

By Richard Guttridge

involved in tracing the church's history and putting together the exhibition. Research was carried out on the history of Methodism in Norton Canes and major events held at the church, while a board of marriages and christenings was also put on display.

The church will officially celebrate its 50th anniversary in November but

leaders were keen to take advantage of the warm weather.

Trinity Methodist Church dates back to 1905 but was rebuilt in its current form in 1968 in front of where the old church once stood.

Details of two other churches long gone from Norton Canes - the Bethel Primitive Methodist Church and Norton East Chapel - also featured.

Marian and Derek Griffiths, who

had much to do with the rebuild 50 years ago, opened the exhibition. "They're certainly an important part of this church," Mr Straughan said.

"Marian used to be the senior steward and she was the driving force behind everything. Derek was more in the background but he kept the church in great condition."

"It was a good day. It was nice to be able to gather the information."

# Journalist with a role in Chunnel launch dies

A RESPECTED former journalist who played a role in the launch of the Channel Tunnel during a distinguished 50-year career has died.

Ken Jackson was director of corporate affairs at Wolverhampton-based Tarmac when the construction giant was lobbying for the contract to help build the tunnel.

Ken, who has died aged 76 following a lengthy illness, helped mastermind the Tarmac publicity campaign, which led to the construction, and opening, of the historic UK-France link in 1994. Ken's widow Hilary said: "He had a real sense of community."

A miner's son, born in Chadsmoor, he was a trainee reporter with the Cannock Advertiser before moving to the North East, returning to the West Midlands in 1964 to work on the Express & Star business desk.

He later joined the Birmingham Post as property editor before taking up his first PR job with the Reliant Motor Company in Tamworth.

He returned to newspapers with the Birmingham Evening Mail from 1970 to 1977 before switching back to PR. After 20 years at Tarmac he founded the Jackson-Brown PR agency, which he ran with Hilary from his home at Sandon, near Stafford.

He also leaves a daughter Debra and son Marcus from his first marriage. The funeral will be at St Dominic's in Stone at midday on July 16 followed by burial at All Saints Church in Sandon and refreshments later at Sandy Leys Farm in Sandon.

## Views wanted on maternity services

PREGNANT women, new parents and their families are being called on to share their experiences and views about maternity services in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

The Together We're Better partnership of NHS and local government organisations that is working to transform health and care services in the area is holding a public event in Stafford tomorrow (Friday).

Helen Riley, lead for the children, young people and maternity programme, said: "Do you have a story to tell about maternity services?"

"If so, we'd very much like to hear from you." The Pan Staffordshire Maternity Transformation Programme Stakeholder Event is being held from 10am to 5pm at The Riverway Centre. Book a place at [tinyurl.com/ydefuucy](http://tinyurl.com/ydefuucy)

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## 'Underused' hospital to take extra 2,200 ops

MORE than 2,200 operations could be moved to Stafford's County Hospital from Stoke under radical plans to increase usage of the site.

Health bosses are planning a major overhaul of services at County Hospital, which they say is 'not sustainable' in its current form.

And it has now emerged that 2,200 operations, including 500 orthopaedic procedures, could be shifted to Stafford as part of attempts to make the town's hospital viable.

Chiefs at the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNH), which runs both County and Royal Stoke Hospitals, are drawing up a strategy to increase usage of the Stafford site. They are keen for both hospitals to share the load.

However, it could leave patients living in the north of the county facing 15-mile trips to Stafford for operations.

The trust's chief executive Paula Clark said: "It has always been our intention to see more patients treated at County Hospital."

"We have invested more than £47 million refurbishing the hospital, and this includes new state-of-the-art laminar flow theatres to do more orthopaedic surgery."

"I would really encourage more people to take up the option of having their surgery at County as we have much shorter waiting times here."

## Grant gives fitness campaign a boost

AGE UK South Staffordshire are looking to make a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of residents thanks to a £25,000 grant from The Garfield Weston Foundation.

With this funding boost, Age UK South Staffordshire will be able to offer graded walks and seated exercise classes for local people aged 50 and over.

The project will raise awareness of falls prevention and how to improve balance and strength as well as raising awareness of the impact of a lifestyle change and the benefits of physical activity.

Susan Blower, Positive Steps Coordinator said: "The walks and exercise classes provide a fantastic opportunity to socialise as well as keep active."

## Make for the Moor

CHASE Ramblers are going on a 10-mile strenuous walk to Stanton Moor from Youghal, Derbyshire, this Sunday, meeting at Hedsford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call 07954 170369.

# Jenny thanked for 36 years as warden



Jenny Brown with Councillor Smith

A CANNOCK lollipop warden has been thanked ahead of her retirement after more than 30 years' service.

Jenny Brown, the local school crossing patrol warden for Bridgtown Primary School, will be retiring after 36 years' service.

Jenny was thanked at an event organised by Bridgtown Parish Council.

Parish council chairman Councillor Eddie Smith presented her with an engraved clock as a 'small thank you for keeping the children

of Bridgtown safe for 36 years'. Elsewhere in Bridgtown, a heritage information board has been unveiled in Union Street, near to its junction with North Street.

Bridgtown and District Local History Society installed the board as part of the heritage trail that has been created for the area.

This is the sixth such board to be unveiled, and the initiative was supported and sponsored by Bridgtown Parish Council.

*Pictures by John Kraujalis on behalf of Bridgtown Parish Council*



The information board is unveiled

# 'Friar Tuck' bishop on trial for sex assaults

**A 'JOLLY Friar Tuck'-style bishop abused his position to sexually assault two women, a jury was told.**

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that Michael Ward paid 'inappropriate and unwanted attention' to the first alleged victim outside Hawksyard Priory in Rugeley where a relative was being ordained into The Old Catholic Church.



Michael Ward

She met the defendant for the first time before the ceremony. "He came to talk to me and mentioned something about me having sad eyes," she said.

"I was going through a hard time. He told me 'You are loved', grabbed my hands, and I started talking about a few personal things. I was getting upset. He grabbed me close, kissed my cheek and started to kiss my neck. I was scared and wanted to break free."

The bishop let go of her when someone came out of the church, it was said.

Almost a year later the 71-year-old churchman, now retired, allegedly squeezed the backside of the same woman at a gathering to bless a room in the house of her mother during which the latter affectionately touched her bottom.

The woman swung round thinking it was the defendant who was sitting behind her. She alleged Ward did squeeze her backside while they were in the garden later the same day.

Miss Sharon Bailey, defending, said the bishop kissed the woman only once - on the cheek - to say goodbye after they met outside the church. The lawyer said Ward had nudged, not squeezed, the other woman's backside.

Mr Andrew Wallace, prosecuting, said of the defendant, who is also accused of two sexual assaults on a woman in London last autumn: "He may think of himself as a jovial Friar Tuck, giving friendly hugs and always joking but the reality is different."

Ward, from Edmonton, London, pleads not guilty to four sex assaults. The trial continues.

## Riding van gets another makeover



Chasewater Railway volunteer Dave Lawson gets to work on the 1947 District Engineering Department coach

RESTORATION work is under way on an old 'workforce carrier' at Chasewater Railway.

The rotten shell of a 1947 District Engineering Department coach, originally built in Glasgow, is being restored by volunteers.

The coach, known in the industry as a 'riding van' would have been used to transport workers from stations to the place where their work was being carried out.

It was restored seven years ago

but damage was caused after the modern primer used reacted with the old timber, allowing water to seep in and cause decay.

The team taking up the challenge of rectifying the damage are known as the Midweek Team, which includes qualified carpenter Dave Lawson.

Chasewater Railway trustee Bryan Marks said: "There's a huge amount of unseen work that goes into keeping these vehicles

rail-worthy. These volunteers give up their time freely to support us and without them we couldn't function. The vehicles look as good as new by the end."

"As a volunteer-only organisation with no paid staff, we're actively looking for volunteers."

Anyone who is interested in sharing their skills and sparing their time to help out at the railway can email volunteers@chasewater railway.co.uk

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Murder Mystery night for charity

CANALSIDE Farm near Rugeley is holding a Murder Mystery evening in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance Charity on Friday, July 20.

The event, which will be performed by The Creative Arts Theatre Group, starts at 7pm, with a fish and chip supper being served during the evening.

It will be the farm's third Murder Mystery event this year, with the other two evenings being a complete sell-out and raising money for Katharine House Hospice.

Call 01889 881747. Tickets must be pre-booked in advance by visiting [www.canalsidefarm.co.uk](http://www.canalsidefarm.co.uk) or by emailing [anna@canalsidefarm.co.uk](mailto:anna@canalsidefarm.co.uk)

### Village show will have county theme

KINGS Bromley's annual country show will be Celebrating Staffordshire this year.

The event on July 28 features a special Staffie category in the dog show, Staffordshire oatcakes baked fresh on the showfield and entertainment from all around the county.

The horticultural marquee will include nearly 200 categories, again representing the Staffordshire theme.

And once again, the Eureka Jazz Band will be playing throughout the afternoon. For the full schedule, visit [www.kingsbromleyshow.co.uk](http://www.kingsbromleyshow.co.uk)

### Readathon raises £1,600 for charity

PUPILS at Lichfield's Maple Hayes Dyslexia School have completed a three-week readathon to raise money for Cardiomyopathy UK, collecting more than £1,600 for the charity.

A total of 43 students from Years 4 to 10 read for a total of 10,577 minutes - 176 hours - as part of a term of fundraising activities for the cause.

It was one of a number of events this term, after Year 10 student Jack Fawdrey wanted to do something in memory of his 19-year-old cousin, who died last summer from the inherited disease that affects the heart muscle.

### Racecourse is to host crafts and steam fair

A COUNTRY crafts and steam fair is being held in Staffordshire on July 21 and 22.

Uttoxeter Racecourse hosts the event which will include rural crafts demonstrations and a steam engines display. The Sunday will also include a family dog show in aid of the Marie Curie charity.

Birds of prey flying displays, a goat show and arena entertainment will also feature.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# Not really a sharp move by chiefs at Poundland

SOME things defy belief. The Black Country based discount chain Poundland has announced it will stop selling kitchen knives by autumn over concerns about knife crime. Certainly knife crime is a serious matter, but will this really help?

Presuming that we are still going to be allowed to eat in 21st century Britain, then people are going to need kitchen knives. Not just gangsters and hoodlums, but ordinary people too, for cutting up food and things like that. We all need them.

Maybe this is the beginning of a sea-change in the way we buy household cutlery. Perhaps in future people will have to provide ID and register their details with the local police station before buying a bread knife or a butter spreader. But that wouldn't work as most of our police stations have closed.

Hopefully, other retailers will take a more pragmatic approach, and continue to stock kitchen knives, meaning we can continue to eat food without having to tear it apart like wild beasts. But that means the bad guys will still be able to buy knives as well, just from different retailers.

Now, I'm all in favour of banning these horrible combat and "zombie" knives which cause so much misery, but kitchen knives? Really?

As far as I can see, there are two explanations. The one is that Poundland believes its customers are more likely to be involved in crime than the much nicer people who buy their knives elsewhere. The other is that it's just a bit of hollow virtue-signalling.

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MEANWHILE, Sandwell Council has come up with an innovative approach to tackling speeding drivers.

Motorists caught speeding outside Hamstead Junior School in Great Barr were given the choice of paying a fine, or being lectured by a group of 11-year-olds. Personally, I don't think this goes far enough. Why not do it properly and stick them in stocks in the playground, so the kids can throw school dinners at them?

While speeding outside a school is clearly irresponsible, this does seem a rather immature response. Two questions spring to mind: How much had the teachers 'coached' the children in what to say to the drivers, and what time did the transgressions occur? The worst offender was clocked at 35mph, which might well be dangerous when hundreds of children are crossing the road, but far less so when they are safely tucked away in assembly. Incidentally, Hamstead Junior School recently suspended two pupils for bringing 'large knives' into school. Maybe it has bigger things to worry about?

## Grommets – and what we hear about them now



NHS founder Aneurin Bevan – spell-check for "Aneurin" suggests "unerring"



Monty Don – count the trowels hanging on the wall. There are nine of them



Tony Hancock – the forgotten comedian? But that's the way fame goes

# 'Miracle cure' that is now deemed risky

THE list of 17 procedures to be rationed by the NHS include ear grommets. I recall a persistent rumour from years ago that grommets, to fix a mysterious condition called glue ear, had been introduced chiefly to provide employment for ENT (ear, nose and throat) consultants who no longer removed adenoids or tonsils. We were told that grommets were a miracle cure. Now we are told they are among the procedures deemed unnecessary, ineffective or risky. Very odd.

AFTER a recent item on the obesity issue in Tredegar, home town of the NHS founder Aneurin Bevan, a reader suggests the NHS could launch fight-the-flab walking classes, to be named Tread Eager. Fans of Bevan will not be surprised that my computer spell-check for "Aneurin" suggests "unerring."

A COMMONS committee warns MPs that using Twitter is like "dipping their private parts in honey and exposing them to angry bees." Oh, please don't put ideas into their heads.

STILL dithering over having a tattoo? A heat-wave reveals millions of them, on show from dawn to bedtime, and the ravages of the years. Those once-pert rosebuds on a shoulder now look like enormous tumours and those elegant lizards on the leg are doing a fine impression of varicose veins. Think on.

THE RSPCA is among organisations which called for a sky-lantern festival in the tinder-dry Peak District to be cancelled. While they are at it, they might ask the organisers to tone down the advertising. In its publicity bumf, The Lights Fest invokes the words of Martin Luther King: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light

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can do that." I'm not entirely sure the US civil-rights legend was talking about flying naked flames over moorland in high summer. But, hey, why stop the advertising slogans at Dr King? Jesus said all sorts of stuff about light. Get Him on the posters, too.

GOOD old Auntie Beeb. England beat Colombia, the nation rejoiced and The World Tonight (Radio 4) took the view that the big story of the evening was the retirement age of judges in Poland being lowered from 70 to 65. Finger on the pulse, eh?

WHEN the authorities say the risk of nerve-agent poisoning in the Salisbury area is very low, does anyone seriously believe they know what they are talking about?

IN one Damon Runyon short story, the cops raid a bar and the gangsters hide all their guns in the pockets of an innocent customer, Tobias Tweeney. He is hauled before the court and becomes an instant Underworld hero, Twelve-Guns Tweeney. I am reminded of Tobias every time I see Monty Don in his potting shed in Gardener's World (BBC1). Count the trowels hanging on the wall. There are nine of them. Nobody needs that many. Who do ya think you're kidding, Nine-Trowels Monty?

A POSTER used by Adelaide University in Australia shows a group of five women apparently listening while the sole man in the group

is talking. This, as the BBC reports, has led to complaints of "mansplaining." The problem with reporting anything involving this concept is that at some stage in your report you have to explain what mansplaining is, for the benefit of thickos who don't know.

SO at the end of its report, the BBC tells us: "Mansplaining is when a man explains an issue to a woman in a manner regarded as condescending or patronising." I wonder how many women (or men) felt patronised by the BBC report. Now we all have something new to take offence about: Beebsplaining.

OH, the irony. Back in the 1960s President de Gaulle of France repeatedly blocked Britain's attempts to join the Common Market. Fifty-odd years on, Barnier is just as intransigent. It seems that when it comes to Europe, whether we try to get in or try to get out, the road is blocked by some bloody-minded Frenchman saying: "Non."

MALADIES for our time. After heat exhaustion and sunstroke, watch out for a national epidemic of sunfreeze. A reader turned up for a meeting one hot day in shorts, only to be half-chilled to death by the air-conditioning.

WHEN millennials take over. Private Eye spotted a promotion penned by some bright young thing on The Independent's website concerning "the forgotten British comedian who paved the way for Alan Partridge and David Brent". The forgotten comedian? Tony Hancock. But that's the way fame goes. We now have a generation of nurses who, when you are giving blood and quip in a jocular sort of way: "A pint? Why, that's very nearly an armful!" just look blank.

## TALKING POINT



# Ideas flow in the heat of battle to save water

IT'S a no-win situation – bitter cold, windy and wet, people complain; heat-wave, people still complain.

I bumped into a woman shopping last week who said she could no longer stand the heat. I was sympathetic as it is very difficult to work outside when it is so hot, until she said she had been sitting in her garden reading. I suggested she maybe could move into the shade. Oh no, too much of an effort! Unbelievable.

Personally I love the sunshine but painting benches in the garden the other day I will admit that I was sweating – sorry glowing, not too gently – at the end of it.

That day I had to deliver some items to friends and on the way could hear the sound of – despite pleas to limit water usage – a power washer.

Yes, they do use a lot of water, but on my return journey hours later it was still in use. Heaven knows how much water that must have used and yet people are urged not to fill up paddling pools even though they must take a fraction of the amount used for cleaning a patio, which surely could wait until the weather cools down.

And England fans take note. We may have enjoyed more success than Germany in this World Cup, but we're still lagging behind them at saving water.

In this country our average water usage per person per day is 140 litres. Germany's is 120 litres, while Belgium is even more efficient, using only 107 litres a day.

With the country basking in the hottest June for 40 years, the demand for water increased massively.

Water saving tips include putting away garden sprinklers – they can use as much as 1,000 litres of drinking water in one hour, which is more water than a family of four normally use in a whole day – and instead of having a bath, take a shower, which uses 40 fewer litres of water and it's quicker, which means you can get back to watching the football sooner!

And one tip from Severn Trent, which for some reason appeals to me, is to ditch chores like washing the car and make sure there's enough water to go round for everyone, especially during mornings and evenings when demand is much higher than normal.

If paddling pools put increased demand on water supplies, don't let the little ones miss out on fun in the sun – why not give them a bucket of water and a water pistol instead to keep them entertained.

On a final note, if everyone could just use around 20 litres less each it would make a massive difference to our water supplies. And in that way you can keep what matters most hydrated – you and your family.

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# Delight at land deal for £160m designer outlet

A COUNCIL boss says he is delighted after a land sale for Cannock's designer outlet centre was completed.

The district council announced last week that the legal sale of about 29 acres of development land next to Mill Green Nature Park had gone through.

A joint venture between McArthurGlen, Aviva Investors, The Richardson Family and U+I will see the site developed for the £160 million project.

With a planned opening for 2020, the first phase will be home to more than 80 premium and luxury brands, together with a range of restaurants and cafes and 1,400 car parking spaces.

Councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "I am delighted that the land purchase is complete. A lot of work has taken place to get us to this stage.

## Significant

"This is a key milestone for this development, which will significantly raise the profile of the District with an estimated 11 million consumers living within a 90-minute catchment."

Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning, said: "McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Cannock represents the biggest single investment in the district ever made. The jobs and economic benefits the development will bring create significant opportunities for the immediate district and beyond."

A pioneer of designer outlet shopping in Europe, McArthurGlen opened its first centre near Manchester in 1995 and its portfolio now comprises 24 centres in nine countries.

Gary Bond, joint managing director of development at McArthurGlen, said: "We look forward to creating this landmark retail destination."



An artist's impression of the £160 million McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Cannock

## Games 'help boost county'

BUSINESS leaders have hailed Staffordshire as a leading place for investment following the success of the UK Corporate Games.

Europe's biggest multi-sport games for business were staged in the county for the second time. More than 60 firms and 4,000 competitors took part.

Wades Ceramics, bet365, Stone Group, Aspire Housing and Staffordshire Police were among the local

organisations taking part alongside national companies such as Lloyds Banking Group, Eversheds, Willis Towers Watson, and Brose.

As well as an expected £3 million boost to the local economy, the county council believes long-term economic benefits are also expected. Cabinet member Councillor Mark Winnington said the games were an opportunity to showcase investment opportunities.

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## Leave us to decide on takeaways

HOW nice to know that Cannock Council has a wellbeing scrutiny committee to decide that there are too many takeaways in the town and that it needs powers to limit them so that we thickos can stay slim.

Whilst I rarely use take-aways I do not agree that Green Party Councillor Paul Woodhead has the right to deride electors for making poor choices or by legal powers dictate what people should eat.

Councillors should concentrate on delivering services cheaply and leave educating us stupid voters to the school of life.

Meanwhile, the take-aways will continue paying council tax to sustain the council talking shop.

**GRAHAME WIGGIN**  
Heath Hayes

## Step out Together and help beat cancer

AS a keen walker I'm delighted to be supporting Bowel Cancer UK and Beating Bowel Cancer's Walk Together to save lives and improve the quality of life for all those affected by the disease.

My mum was diagnosed with bowel cancer and is thankfully now recovered, so I know how important it is to raise awareness.

Walk Together is a perfect opportunity to bring people together to show

our support for those undergoing treatment, remember loved ones and help stop people dying from bowel cancer. It's a sponsored walk for people of all ages and abilities.

Bowel cancer is the UK's fourth most common cancer and the second biggest cancer killer.

Every year almost 42,000 people are diagnosed with bowel cancer and more than 16,000 people die from the dis-

ease. Sign up to the walk in London on Saturday, September 15 or to receive a fundraising pack with everything you need to hold your own memorable walk, visit: [bowelcanceruk.org.uk/walktogether](http://bowelcanceruk.org.uk/walktogether)

If you need inspiration on walks in your area, visit The Outdoor Guide: [theoutdoorguide.co.uk](http://theoutdoorguide.co.uk)

**JULIA BRADBURY**  
TV presenter

## Write about challenge of awkward teen years

ARE you 16 or 17 or do you have memories of life at this often challenging age? If so, you may be interested in entering a creative writing competition being run by The Children's Society as part of our Seriously Awkward campaign.

The campaign aims to improve life for vulnerable 16 and 17-year-olds by securing more sustained help for them as they move into adulthood.

For the competition we are looking for fictional stories by unpublished writers of up to 2,000 words about this awkward age. So if you're feeling inspired, please visit [www.childrenssociety.org.uk/writing](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/writing) to find out more and enter by August 31, 2018. Good luck!

**MATTHEW REED**  
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## No wonder they are so worried

MR Tom Robbins accuses the EU of 'disgraceful threats' to the UK ("Democrats when it suits them", June 28).

What these threats are supposed to be is anybody's guess as we are given no detail, just vague, unsubstantiated allegations.

He also claims that Remain voters are undemocratic.

Like so many others who voted Remain, I believe that Brexit now has to be delivered.

Of course, if Brexit reality disappoints, democracy also gives us the right to change our minds.

And the way things are going, no wonder Brexit supporters like Mr Robbins are so worried.

**MRS CLARE SHOLL**  
Burntwood

## Why have a dog if you're out at work?

I KNOW there are a lot of dog lovers who care and walk their dogs, but as for some people who work full-time and only walk their dog 10 minutes on a lead and leave them shut up in the house all day, why do they have them?

There are a lot of good, paid dog walkers people could use every day if they really cared for their dogs.

Dogs are a sociable animal who love human company and need to be allowed time to sniff and let off the lead for a good run on the field. Also they need to socialise with other dogs. Were these humans shut in a room all day when they were growing up? It makes you wonder.

So come on, get up earlier in the morning and make time for your dog

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## There are still kind people

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## Janice is a real blind inspiration

Etching Hill WI

A WARM welcome was extended to guest speakers Janice Burton MBE and Ann Moorhouse who were accompanied by their dogs.

After developing problems in her right eye, she was diagnosed with Coats' Disease. By 21 she was completely blind, learned to read Braille and trialled walking with a guide dog - a life-changing experience.

After joining a swimming club, she became a member of the British blind swimming team and participated in the 1984 Paralympic Games in America, winning six medals including a gold.

She went on to compete in the Paralympic Games at Seoul, Barcelona and Atlanta and with all competitions combined won 65 medals, 15 of them gold. At 38 Janice decided to take up water skiing at Holme Pierrepont in Nottingham.

She has skied in Austria, plans to zip wire in Ffestiniog and has also joined Scropton Riding for the Disabled Centre where she undertook a 4.5 mile cross country course and won a gold medal for horsemanship. She was awarded an MBE in the 1999 New Year's Honours.

Ann volunteers for the Guide Dogs for the Blind. She began by raising £5,000 in 10 months for the Named Tribute Fund. She cares for dogs when their blind owner needs hospital care and also looks after the counter top collection boxes. She has so far raised £70,000.

## Crafty lot have dabble at new experiences



Sue Friend, Anne Haycock, Elaine Moseley and Di Jones during the WI craft sessions

WHAT a 'crafty' lot of ladies Cannock WI turned out to be! Seven committee members each hosted a craft table for members to have a dabble at a variety of experiences.

This included card-making, coaster creation, shabby chic, cookery, flower arranging and colour craze. After a half hour taster, members were rotated around the tables. The time went quickly; and all agreed that this had been such a successful venture that we must do another 'Crafty Dabble' again soon.

Besides having an experience, learning and sharing a new craft, and taking home a made item; it gave an opportunity for members and new members to mingle and get

### Cannock WI

to know each other better. The new committee, which took over in April are looking into providing a more vibrant and varied programme of events for the coming year.

Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 10.30am at St Luke's Church Centre, Cannock.

Visitors are always welcome to join for refreshments and a chat, to see if they would like to join. Further information on 01889 582632 and [www.thewi.org.uk/staffordshire](http://www.thewi.org.uk/staffordshire) [www.facebook.com/oakleafstlukes](http://www.facebook.com/oakleafstlukes)

## Entertained by fund of stories

PRESIDENT Margaret Beppard welcomed members and three visitor ad said how nice it had been to hear from so many members how much they enjoyed the last meeting.

Since last meeting a group ad been on an Orient

### Shareshill WI

Express trip to the Chelsea Flower Show.

Secretary Sue Davidson brought everyone up-to-date with correspondence and news from around the

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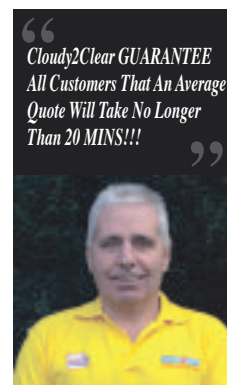
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# Businesses grow with £1m funds on offer

**MORE than 30 rural businesses in Staffordshire have expanded their operations thanks to a growth funding programme.**

The county council-managed Staffordshire LEADER programme has over £1 million in funding until 2020 to support rural business growth, backing projects that will create jobs or help rural businesses.

Grants are available to support farm productivity, micro and small enterprise, farm diversification, tourism, rural services, heritage and forestry schemes.

More than £900,000 has been committed to date, supporting 34 businesses and creating 55 jobs.

Approved schemes have included a new equestrian centre, a fledgling company producing cured meats, a restaurant's fine-dining kitchen, a new machine to process feed and bedding into products for the equestrian and pet industry, and a conversion of farmyard buildings to create four-star self-catering accommodation.

The funding is administered by the county council from the European Agricul-

## By David Banner

tural Fund for Rural Development.

An additional 30 bids are now being progressed. Grants of between £2,500 and £100,000 have been available to businesses with plans to stimulate the rural economy.

Mary Grice Soft Furnishings, based in Harlaston near Lichfield, was able to build a new workshop after receiving a grant of just over £15,000. The purpose-built facility has enabled the company to increase its workload, stock more goods and create three jobs.

Mary said: "It was fantastic to have all this physical space to move into and to have the business separated from the home."

## Enough food donated for a thousand meals



**Young shopper Noah Bailey, from Lichfield, showcasing the food bank collection point at Boley Park**

SHOPPERS donated enough food in one day to create 1,000 meals for people in need as part of a special collection event. Members of Lichfield Food Bank spent the day appealing for donations at Central England Co-operative's Food Store, in Boley Park.

Customers and members handed over the equivalent of 422kg of food during the day, as well as £360 to go towards the ongoing running costs of the vital resource. Ian Coxon, from Lichfield Food Bank, said that since January enough food has been donated at the Boley Park Food Store to create nearly 3,000 meals for people at risk of going hungry.

These items have been deposited in a permanent collection point that Lichfield Food Bank has in the store all year round. This is part of an ongoing commitment by the retailer, which has its head office in Hermes Road, Lichfield, to support more than 50 food bank partners in 240 stores across 16 counties.

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# Empty care home to be demolished and rebuilt



The future – an artist's impression of the new building in Brocton Road, Milford

**THIS is how a care home will look under plans to demolish and rebuild it.**

Sister Dora Nursing Home in Brocton Road, Milford, shut abruptly in December 2016 and 32 residents were moved up to 25 miles away following a damning CQC report that revealed serious concerns about the level of care.

Inspectors at the time said the residents were 'at risk of ill-health, malnutrition and dehydration', leading it to close in December 2016 before it was put up for sale a month later.

The home was put up for sale a

month after it shut, and Stafford Borough Council has since given the green light to bulldoze the empty 1920s building and replace it with a 71-bed complex, creating 60 full-time jobs.

However, local residents raised concerns over the new building's appearance. One said it was not in keeping with its surroundings.

AP Architecture Ltd said in a planning statement on behalf of Macc Care: "Our design brief was to develop a modern care home to exceed current standards." Ward councillor Francis Finlay welcomed the move, saying it will be 'good for the area'.



The past – Sister Dora Nursing Home

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## £2 million injection for dental services

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A total of 39 NHS dental practices across all 11 local authority areas will benefit from this funding, which aims to increase NHS dental access for patients and in particular encourage a higher take-up of dental check-ups for children aged up to two.

It comes as statistics show that by the time a child is five, a quarter will have tooth decay, with on average three to four teeth affected.

With dental disease now being the most common reason for hospital admissions for children aged five to nine, the NHS is to addressing these issues, both locally and nationally.

Rebecca Woods, head of primary care for NHS England in Staffordshire and Shropshire, said: "This investment in dental services is really positive news for patients of Staffordshire and Shropshire, and we are working closely with our local dental network."

## Arrest over Taser

A MAN was arrested for having a homemade Taser in Norton Canes. The 20-year-old was arrested following an intelligence-led raid on Friday morning. The device will be destroyed.

# Arboretum is to develop new Aspects of its events activities



An artist's impression of the lobby in the Aspects building which will open at the National Memorial Arboretum in October

## THE National Memorial Arboretum is to open Aspects, a new £8 million events building, in October.

At a time when the site branches out into meetings and conferences, a new business and development executive, Emma Syer, has been appointed.

The Arboretum currently hosts hundreds of small and medium sized events for organisations from across the UK, including military, fraternity and business groups. With the

Arboretum being part of The Royal British Legion, it also stages set-piece events on key dates each year.

Hosting these commercial events helps to secure the sustainability of the site, ensuring that it stays free to enter for its 300,000 annual visitors.

Aspects will replace the large marquee that was temporarily erected a few years ago. It provides a flexible space, with the ability to accommodate theatre-style events of up to 500, as well as small intimate meetings, all with spectacular views across the site.

Ms Syer has joined the Arboretum

from her former post at the River and Rowing Museum in Henley-on-Thames. In her new role, she will be responsible for the third-party events business, developing relationships with memorial holders, associations and corporate customers.

She said: "I am excited to be carrying out the new role of business and development executive at such a transformative moment for the Arboretum."

"I am looking forward to working with event planners and organisers alongside the Arboretum team to deliver first-class events."



Emma Syer – new role

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The five to 18-year-olds with Asperger syndrome, autism and other learning disabilities performed four plays to a packed Rugeley Rose Theatre. The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy performance featured plays written by their principal, Ieshier Mendez-Jhalli – The Lion Gets Its Roar, Story Land, Jet Lag Tours and Freaky Creatures.

Principal Mendez-Jhalli said: "It was such a massive event. There were so many people who attended that we

did not have enough seats for everyone and we even had to turn people away. The performers were absolutely overwhelmed with all of the support. It was really nice for them and they really wowed the crowd."

She added that a highlight had been watching the unity between the youngsters – and seeing how far they had come since they started. "To watch them speak and perform publicly for the first time is amazing," she said.

For further information about the academy call 01889 802376 or email [staffs@helenogrady.co.uk](mailto:staffs@helenogrady.co.uk)

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care offer for their three and four-year-olds, as Staffordshire was one of the first areas in the country to successfully introduce the scheme.

To be eligible both parents, or the parent in a single-parent family, must earn the equivalent of at least 16 hours a week at the national minimum wage, or living wage.

Places are also available for children who are already three or four years old, but haven't yet been registered.

Once parents have an eligibility code from the website they must contact their preferred childcare provider to make arrangements.

Councillor Mark Sutton, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for children and young people, said: "It makes sense to get things sorted now in plenty of time.

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## Building firm cash helps school fete



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A BUILDING firm helped to ensure a school fete was a record-breaking success.

Cameron Homes, which is building a range of properties at the Austen Grange development in Hill Ridware, gave a donation of £100 towards the event held at Henry Chadwick Primary School.

Kate Allman, of the school's parents and friends association, said she was very grateful for the donation from Chasetown-based Cameron, which was used as the main raffle prize. "It was an extremely successful event and the weather was certainly on

our side with lots of sunshine," she said. "A total of £2,743.94 was raised for the school – the most that we have ever collected during a summer fair – and we are all delighted with the result."

She said money raised would go towards an outdoor climbing frame for the infant playground.

Baljit Johal, marketing executive of Cameron Homes, said the firm was happy to help. "It was a pleasure for our staff at Austen Grange to meet the children and hand over the cheque," she said. "We are pleased the day was such a huge success."

## Digital slant to projects

FORENSIC science students from Staffordshire University have presented their summer projects to a panel of experts following completion of a six-week work placement at Staffordshire Police HQ.

The placements form part of the force's relationship with the university through the Staffordshire Forensics Partnership, an initiative between the two organisations.

Projects included research into non-mainstream messaging apps, anti-contamination training, best practice for examining games consoles, quality standards at crime scenes and extracting data from fitness tracking devices.

Deputy Chief Constable Nick Baker attended the event to present students with their certificates. He said: "Digital forensics has become vitally important to the work that we do and most crimes now leave a digital footprint. We certainly need to be more agile in our digital investigations and it was great to see that reflected in this year's projects."

"The presentations were outstanding and the students have certainly got the right skill set that employers are looking for in the future."

John Beckwith, head of forensics at Staffordshire Police, said: "The police environment is very fast paced and we are continually having to evolve our methods to adapt to the ever changing digital landscape. Congratulations to all the students."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Markets ready for Disney fun

FAMILIES can hunt the Disney character in a fun day at Cannock Chase markets this weekend.

Other attractions include charity stalls, face painting and balloon modelling.

Cannock Market Hall, the Prince of Wales Market and Rugeley Market are all hosting the fun on Saturday.

### Open day is a first for air ambulance

MIDLANDS Air Ambulance Charity's airbase at Tatenhill Airfield near Burton is holding its first open day on Sunday.

Admission is free. Further information about the event is available at [midlandsairambulance.com](http://midlandsairambulance.com) or by contacting Abbie Hawkins on 07841 489157.

### Beetle drive in aid of hospice

A BEETLE drive will raise money for the Phoenix Project at St Giles.

Organised by Cannock & District Soroptimists, the night will include a fish and chip supper. Families, including children over 10, are welcome.

It takes place on August 17, at 7pm, at St Mary's Social Club, in Hunter Road, Cannock. Call 01543 502335.

### Lucky 13 pick up lottery winnings

THIRTEEN people in Heath Hayes won a cash prize in the People's Postcode Lottery daily draw on Saturday.

Twelve of the Cannock Road residents will see their bank account boosted by £1,000 each, while the 13th picked up £2,000 thanks to playing with two tickets.

### Church garden party

SALEM Methodist Church in High Street, Cheslyn Hay, is hosting a garden party on Saturday. Stalls at the event, which runs between 2pm and 4pm, will include books, bric a brac, a raffle and greeting cards.

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COMMISSIONING staff from Staffordshire took part in NHS anniversary celebrations at Westminster Abbey.

The county's Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) drew lots to decide who should go to London.

Representing CCGs in the north of Staffordshire were Gemma Hall and Rebecca Patterson; from the east Sharon Finney and Sarah Gipp; and the south Kate Farrow and Alex Birch.

Kate, a nurse with 25 years of experience, is a CCG head of urgent care.

She said: "It was an amazing experience and very powerful. The opening reading was given by an 88-year-old nurse whose first day at work was on the day the NHS came into existence, which made us all a bit tearful."

"There were people there representing absolutely every profession in the NHS, and they are all needed to make it work."



Kate Farrow, left, Sharon Finney, Sarah Gipp and Alex Birch at Westminster Abbey

# Bosses look to future as NHS celebrates 70th

**PATIENTS and members of the public from across the Cannock Chase district joined in celebrating the 70th anniversary of the NHS – and heard of plans for improved healthcare.**

The occasion was the AGM of NHS Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) at the Aquarius Ballroom in Hednesford.

Rugeley GP Dr Mo Huda, chair of Cannock Chase CCG, detailed the history of the NHS and outlined the key achievements, from its foundation in 1948, to early immunisation successes to the introduction of MRI and CT scans and the development of screening programmes.

He also outlined the development of one commissioning team covering Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire.



Marcus Warnes, the CCGs' accountable officer, spoke of key priorities for the next 12 months, among them the improvement of services for older people with complex health needs and the need for better end-of-life care.

He also gave an update on the work of the Together We're Better partnership that brings together all organisations in Staffordshire that are responsible for delivering health and care.

Pauline Scott, practice manager at Heath Hayes Health Centre, then explained how care navigation is helping more patients to see the health professional they need first time by trained

receptionists signposting people to services other than GP appointments where appropriate.

Dr Mukesh Singh, a Rugeley GP, spoke about the work he and his colleagues have been doing to address the challenges of the growing number of elderly people who have more than one long-term condition, focusing in particular on those people with respiratory conditions.

Cannock Chase CCG's annual report and Our Forward Vision are available online.

● A Staffordshire-based national training provider held a day of celebrations to mark 70 years of the NHS. BB Training Academy, which specialises in delivering quality training to the care and childcare sector, joined the nation on Thursday to mark the impact the NHS has had on the health and wellbeing of generations.

## Officer on shortlist for award

A STAFFORDSHIRE Police officer who rescued a family from a house fire has been nominated for an award.

Pc Dominic Gallimore arrived at the scene to see thick smoke billowing from the home.

The fire was caused by a ruptured gas pipe, and smoke was starting to envelope neighbouring properties. Pc Gallimore managed to break down the door of the house, which was full of choking black smoke.

The father was helped to safety before Pc Gallimore managed to help the mother and two children out of the house in Stoke-on-Trent.

Pc Gallimore will attend an awards ceremony in London today (Thursday).



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## Ex-Globetrotter gives Space launch a boost



Space Champion Olivia Hopwood and basketball coach Shawn Jamison at the launch of the 2018 programme

ORGANISERS of the annual Space programme hope that 25,000 youngsters will take part in this year's activities.

The aim of the scheme is to bring together public, voluntary and private sector organisations to help nurture, support and guide eight to 17-year-olds in Staffordshire.

District and borough councils in the county have signed up for Space 2018, which begins at the start of the school holidays at the end of this month. The initiative was given a boost when former basketball player Shawn Jamison and newly appointed Space Champion Olivia Hopwood took part in the official launch at Stoke-on-Trent College.

Jamison, from California, was a member of the world renowned exhibition team Harlem Globetrotters. Now a head coach at Stoke College, he set up Hoopskills to assist pupils in the development of basketball.

Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis, who first introduced the Space scheme, said: "It's about activities and it's about sport and wellbeing."

Use and follow #StaffsSpace2018 on Twitter for updates.

## 'Horrific' figures over liver disease

HOSPITALS treated more than 450 patients for alcohol-related liver disease last year, new figures have revealed.

The NHS figures for Staffordshire and the Black Country represent a 35 per cent increase in the illness over the last five years and have led to calls for setting a minimum price per unit of alcohol.

A&E teams in Wolverhampton treated 109 patients for booze-fuelled liver disease last year – a rate of 52 for every 100,000 people and 75 per cent up from 2012. The rate for the whole of England is 26 for every 100,000 people.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group treated 165 patients, while in Walsall A&E teams treated 79.

A total of 86 patients were treated for alcohol-related liver disease at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, and the Stafford and Surrounds Clinical Commissioning Group saw 21 patients, according to the figures.

Professor Roger Williams, director of the Institute of Hepatology, said the statis-

By Peter Madeley

tics for England were 'horrifying' and proposed setting a minimum price per unit of alcohol to reduce cases of liver disease.

"Liver disease is the only exception to the improvement over the past years in life expectancy for chronic disorders such as strokes, heart disease and many cancers," he said.

Judi Rhys, of the British Liver Trust, said: "Liver disease is a silent killer because there are often no obvious symptoms in the early stages. GPs need to understand how to interpret the results of blood tests and clear pathways need to be commissioned."



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**B**ack in the day, Jamie Lambert used to drive past the Royal Albert Hall and the London Palladium and dream. He was working part-time in the finance department of Barts Health NHS Trust, in London, and looking for a break.

And while he hoped he might one day sing at such incredible venues or enjoy chart success, he realised it wasn't sensible to bank on that.

And then his life changed.

He became friends with Matt Pagan and the two of them used social media to find three other singers to complete the Collabro line-up. They gigged at a pub near London Bridge and decided to audition for Britain's Got Talent, figuring they had nothing to lose.

A month after forming, they found themselves singing for Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams. Their rendition of Stars, from Les Misérables, earned them a standing ovation.

Four months later, they appeared on BGT's live final – and won by a landslide with more than a quarter of the vote. Things have never been the same since. They signed a million pound record deal and their debut album went to number one. They headlined the London Palladium and sold 50,000 tickets for their tour, as well as joining Cliff Richard on his major headline tour of the UK.

Jamie says it's been a whirlwind. "It's been fabulous. I loved working at Barts but Collabro has changed my life dramatically and sometimes it's a bit weird to drive past where I used to work. It's been four years now and we've just announced the fourth major tour and fourth album."

That tour will visit Birmingham's Symphony Hall on April 15 and Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on April 16 next year – before they return to the Albert Hall a few days later.

Prior to that, they'll play Telford's The Place In The Park Festival on August 16 and then support Barry Manilow at Birmingham's Arena on September 4. It's a busy old year.

"We have a very dedicated fan base and we're gigging throughout the year. The people who follow us feel very much like fans for life; it's almost like a family. The fans are very much valued."

"From our perspective, we hope to keep going for a long time. We each have our own little bits outside the band and do separate pantos but then we get back together to do these epic 50-date tours."

Jamie keeps his feet on the ground and doesn't forget how fortunate the band are. One minute he was working in the NHS – within a month or so he was on TV for the start of an incredible ride.

"We are privileged to have been going for four years. Last year we released our own album and it still got into the top 10 and when it comes to touring we're doing more tickets than ever before. We're having to look forward for about a year-and-a-half."

"We work and arrange our own stuff. We still perform to tens of thousands of people all the time and there is a degree of pride in how things have gone. We've always worked to bring



On a song – Collabro will be appearing in Telford in August

musical theatre to more people – that was our aim when we did BGT. By combining musical theatre with that boy band group thing, we wanted to appeal to more people."

Jamie has mixed feelings about Britain's Got Talent. Much of it was surreal as the band found themselves becoming an overnight success. Other bits were entirely forgettable.

"The truth about BGT is that a lot of it was awful. It's sort of like anything that's incredible, there's always a terrible side. It was almost like getting into a new relationship where everything's a crazy and a buzz but also mad. There was a downside and you have to remember that this is a crazy and competitive industry."

"To go from playing in a pub to being in front of 12 million and to go from 300 Twitter followers to 100,000 was remarkable. We went from zero to 100 in six weeks. We were quite lucky that a couple of us were business-minded. We weren't teens and we weren't too star struck. But it's so easy to get caught up in the madness of it. I'm just grateful that we've lived through that. These days, it's much better. We control everything and work together well. It's been two years as a four and we get on so well. The system works, it's like a well-oiled machine."

Though Collabro emerged from the world of TV, they are happiest when they're in theatres.

*It's so easy to get caught up in the madness of it – it's better these days*

Playing to a live audience gives them the greatest buzz of all, which is why they undertake such gargantuan tours.

"While TV is great, we love that, we also enjoy performing live, probably even more. That's why the next tour is so cool. Most bands don't last but we're already looking ahead towards our sixth year."

"We are four best friends who go on the road and when it's finished we go out for a drink. We all have our separate lives as well. When you first move to London, you don't have that life. But these days, we can take time away from the band which is super healthy."

"When people win these TV talent shows, a lot of them get wrapped in cotton wool so they last two minutes. They think they'll be the next Beyoncé and they stop working at it. They're not nice to people. It's all wrong."

"We are known for being overtly accommodating and easy to be around. We're very hard working too. When we won BGT, we sent all 60 production crew members chocolates and flowers and cards."

The band's low-key approach extends to their tour. "That's the way we work. You see some people's riders and they are crazy. For us, it's a bottle of red a bottle of white wine and some Haribos."

Andy Richardson

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Kevin and Karen Clifton



## Dance show goes on after golden couple's split

THE show will go on for Strictly Come Dancing married couple Kevin and Karen Clifton despite their break up.

The dance duo will continue as professional partners in their spectacular touring show – Kevin and Karen Dance – which is at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday.

In a high-energy performance filled with heart-pounding choreography and sparkling costumes, Kevin and Karen will be dazzling audiences.

Backed by a supporting cast of dancers and a live 12-piece show band, Kevin and Karen's most famous routines from the top TV show will be brought to the stage – and the duo are looking forward to performing together.

Kevin said: "Privately we're not together right now but dance is the glue that holds us together."

"We're having a great time creating a brand new show filled with sassy glamour and edge-of-your-seat routines."

Karen and Kevin have appeared on Strictly Come Dancing since 2010 and 2011, respectively.

They first met as dancers on the stage show Burn The Floor and first appeared on Strictly when they were engaged.

The couple tied the knot in July 2015, with the marriage being the second for both dancers.

However, they have since gone their separate ways in their private lives – even though they're still performing live together.

## Unheard Hancock as lost scripts found



Two lost Tony Hancock radio scripts from the 1950s are to be performed in Stourbridge later this year.

Billed as The Lost Hancocks: Vacant Lot, the production has a cast including impressionist James Hurn (BBC2's Dead Ringers) and Janice Connolly (AKA Mrs Barbara Nice).

In 1952 West Bromwich comedy writer Larry Stephens convinced the BBC to let him create a series for his friend and rising star Birmingham's Tony Hancock.

Entitled Vacant Lot, the series focused on life in the faded fictional

seaside town of Churdley Bay, where the blundering, pompous Hancock aspires to better his lot.

Despite a cast of colourful characters (with Peter Sellers, Spike Milligan and Kenneth Connor all mooted for roles), Vacant Lot was never recorded and lay buried in the BBC archives until now.

Larry Stephens wrote much of Hancock's stage material as well as sketches for his ATV series, The Tony Hancock Show. Writing on his own and with such future legends as Spike Milligan and Eric Sykes, he penned material for Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe, Bernard Braden, Dickie Valentine, Jon Pertwee and

Arthur Askey. A key figure in the development and success of The Goon Show, he went on to work for TV hit The Army Game before dying suddenly in 1959, aged just 35.

The Lost Hancocks: Vacant Lot will be performed at Stourbridge Town Hall on September 19, as part of the build up to Birmingham Comedy Festival. The only other performance this year is at the British Library in London.

Tickets for the Stourbridge show are available online at [www.boroughhalls.co.uk](http://www.boroughhalls.co.uk) or by calling (01384) 812812.

## Mini mania for Italian Job orchestral revival

One of Britain's most iconic films, The Italian Job, will return to the big screen at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Sunday with an orchestra playing the famous Quincy Jones score live to the picture. The HD remastered version of the 1969 film starring Michael Caine, Noel Coward, Benny Hill, a young Robert Powell and some fabulous Minis, will be accompanied by a live orchestra for the first time. They will play the famous soundtrack by legendary composer and producer Quincy Jones, including the song On Days Like These during the opening sequence. Quincy Jones composed the soundtrack, including Getta Bloomin' Move On, usually referred to as The Self-Preservation Society. The movie also includes one of film history's most famous one-liners: "You're only supposed to blow the bloody doors off!"

## Enjoy a Flat Pint with joker Jonny

Black Country comedy songsmith Jonny Cole will be on home ground when he lines up with The Flat Pint of Mild at Bilston's Robin 2 on Thursday, July 19. He is back with his full band line-up and is aiming to make fans move as much as laugh. Cole has taken the Midlands comedy scene by storm and has performed alongside such star comics as Ross Noble, Joe Lycett and Mark Watson. Cole is back with a new set of comedy songs and parodies, to leave fans rocking and rolling with laughter.



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CHOICE



Emma Willis

**The Voice Kids (ITV, 8pm)**  
New series. Emma Willis returns with the junior version of the singing talent contest, giving youngsters between the ages of seven and 14 a chance to achieve stardom. The Voice UK's Will.i.am returns as one of the three coaches, with McFly's Danny Jones and pop star Pixie Lott occupying the other two spinning red chairs. Up for grabs this time is a £30,000 prize to contribute to the winning child's musical education, along with a family holiday to Disneyland Paris.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Simply Nigella. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Wimbledon 2018. Sue Barker presents live coverage.  
**6.50** **BBC News.**  
**7.00** **Regional Programme.**  
**7.10** **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman put a selection of TV experts through their paces in the unorthodox general knowledge quiz show, asking them to team up with colleagues and contemporaries to provide the least-likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public. The House That £100K Built presenter Kieran Long teams up with fellow architecture specialist Piers Taylor, while Homes Under the Hammer host Martin Roberts joins forces with Selling Houses' Amanda Lamb. **Fifth Gear** duo Vicki Butler-Henderson and Tiff Needell combine their wits, and weather forecasters John Hammond and Laura Tobin also compete. (R)  
**8.00** **Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles presents the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.  
**8.40** **Casualty.** New paramedic Ruby (former EastEnders star Maddy Hill) is pushed to her limits on her first day with Iain and Sam. Alicia struggles to work with Eddie and her outbursts increase.  
**9.30** **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes and the Brown family await the fruits of their fraud after faking Grandad's death to get a payout, but the insurance company starts to grow suspicious. (R)  
**10.00** **BBC News:** Weather; National Lottery Update.  
**10.20** **MOTO: FIFA World Cup 2018 Highlights.** Jason Mohammad introduces action from the third place play-off, which took place at Saint Petersburg Stadium, as the semi-final losers did battle for the bronze medal.  
**10.50** **Today at Wimbledon.** Clare Balding presents highlights of the penultimate day's play.  
**11.50** **MOTO: FIFA World Cup 2018 Replay.**  
**1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.35** Marrying Mum and Dad. **7.00** Officially Amazing Goes Bunkers. **7.30** The Dengineers. (R) **8.00** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. (R) **8.30** Deadly Dinosaurs with Steve Backshall. (R) **9.00** Super Cute Animals. (R) **10.00** Athletics: Diamond League Highlights. **11.00** Wimbledon 2018. **12.30** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **1.00** Kew on a Plate. (R) **2.00** Garden Rescue. (R) **2.45** Film: An Ideal Husband. (1999) Oscar Wilde comedy drama, starring Cate Blanchett. **4.15** Wanted Down Under. (R) **5.00** Flog It! (R) **5.50** H Is for Hawk: A New Chapter – Natural World. (R)  
**6.50** **Wimbledon 2018.** Sue Barker presents further live coverage on day 12 at the All England Club, featuring action from the men's and ladies' doubles finals on Centre Court at SW19. Last year, the corresponding matches were completely different in terms of their competitiveness. In the men's match, the Polish-Brazilian pairing of Lukasz Kubot and Marcelo Melo overcame Austrian Oliver Marach and his Croatian partner Mate Pavic in five sets, eventually sealing a 5-7, 7-6, 7-6 (7-2), 3-6, 13-11 victory. The ladies' match that followed was a far more one-sided affair, with second seeds Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina beating ninth seeds Chan Hao-ching and Monica Niculescu 6-0, 6-0.  
**9.00** **Reginald D Hunter's Songs of the Border.** Against the backdrop of President Trump's planned construction of a wall between the two countries, the comedian takes a 2,000-mile musical road trip along the US-Mexico border. He explores how romance and reality play out musically, where third-world Mexico meets first-world USA on "the broken road to the American Dream".  
**10.15** **Film: Mississippi Grind.** (2015) Premiere. Two gamblers go on a road trip alongside the Mississippi river to compete in a high-stakes poker game in New Orleans. Drama, starring Ben Mendelsohn and Ryan Reynolds.  
**11.55** **Golf: Scottish Open.** Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the third round of the European Tour event at Gullane Golf Club in East Lothian, where Rafa Cabrera Bello entered as the defending champion.  
**12.55** Picnic at Hanging Rock. (R) **1.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Mission Emplayable. (R) **6.55** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** NinjaGo: Tournament of Elements. (R) **7.30** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **7.55** Drop Dead Weird. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball On Saturday. **9.25** James Martin's American Adventure. **9.55** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury. (R) **10.20** The Best of the Voice Worldwide. **11.20** The Best of the Voice Worldwide. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** ITV Racing: Live from Newmarket. Coverage from Newmarket, York and Ascot. **2.30** FIFA World Cup 2018. Coverage of the third place play-off (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.15** Catchphrase. (R)  
**6.00** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**6.15** **Regional Programme;** Weather.  
**6.30** **Japandemonium.** New series. A review of the best Japanese TV, showcasing some of the maddest and funniest moments ever broadcast.  
**7.00** **Celebrity Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts a star-studded version of the game show, as Jennie McAlpine, Jason Watkins and Ore Oduba try to "say what they see" in an effort to win £50,000 for charity.  
**8.00** **The Voice Kids.** New series. Emma Willis returns with the junior version of the talent contest, as Will.i.am, Danny Jones and Pixie Lott give youngsters aged from seven to 14 a chance at stardom.  
**9.35** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**9.55** **Film: The Bourne Supremacy.** (2004) The amnesiac assassin is living quietly in hiding, until his former employers come after him again and murder his girlfriend. A CIA operation has ended in disaster, and those responsible intend to clear their names by implicating Bourne. As the former secret agent tries to evade the hitmen on his trail, he also struggles to piece together the truth about his past. Action thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon.  
**11.55** **Stuck on You: The Football Sticker Story.** How four Italian brothers took a childhood obsession and turned it into a worldwide industry – and the British upstarts who took on the mighty Panini to beat them at their own game. (R)  
**12.55** Jackpot247. **3.00** Mr Selfridge. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.05** Marathon: Transylvania Ultra. **6.30** Mobil 1: The Grid. **7.00** The King of Queens. (R) **7.25** The King of Queens. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.30** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R) **5.35** Escape to the Chateau: DIY. (R)  
**6.30** **Channel 4 News.**  
**7.00** **Great Canal Journeys: India.** The first of two programmes in which Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore India by canal boat. The trip begins in Kerala, a region of palm-fringed lakes, rivers and British-built canals which has had a thriving spice trade for thousands of years. They explore a boat built by a local ruler and make offerings at a temple, while Pru learns a traditional dance. (R)  
**8.00** **Film: Star Trek: Into Darkness.** (2013) Premiere. Captain Kirk and the crew of the starship Enterprise are sent on a clandestine mission into enemy territory to track down the rogue starfleet agent behind a terrorist attack on Earth. However, the assignment brings to light a hidden threat from within their own organisation. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto and Benedict Cumberbatch.  
**10.35** **Film: Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials.** (2015) Premiere. A group of children who escaped from a mysterious labyrinth journey through a dangerous wasteland. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Dylan O'Brien and Kaya Scodelario.  
**1.00** Ramsay's Hotel Hell. A hotel in Minnesota where staff are on the brink of revolt. (R) **1.50** The Big Narstie Show. The grime MC presents an alternative entertainment show. (R) **2.45** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Marnie asks Yasmine for her help with Alfie, and Fran sends Nancy a note asking her to meet her. Meanwhile, Farrah offers to help Grace out for the day at The Loft. (R) **4.50** My Kitchen Rules. Two friends and colleagues prepare a three course menu. (R) **5.45** Star Boot Sale. Richard Arnold tries to raise money for charity. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.30** Access. **10.35** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.55** Nightmare Tenants. Stum Landlords: Revisited. (R) **12.55** Bad Tenants. Rogue Landlords. (R) **2.00** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **2.55** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **3.55** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **4.55** 5 News Weekend. **5.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (R)  
**6.00** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!** Gareth and Craig investigate a possible case of mistaken identity in Shropshire, then in south Wales find themselves embroiled in a bitter dispute between two dog owners over a vet's bill. Steve and Phil have to evict a distraught young family from a former high street bank in west London, before paying a call on an elderly tailor in north London. (R)  
**7.00** **Cricket on 5.** England v India. Michael Nicholas presents action from the second game in the three-match series, which took place at Lord's. With commentary by Michael Vaughan, Geoff Boycott and Alison Mitchell.  
**8.00** **Les Dawson: A Life of Laughter.** Remembering the stand-up comedian, TV host and celebrated piano player who died in June 1993 at the age of 62. His life story is revealed by delving into the archives and piecing together the most memorable footage he committed to celluloid, and as well as digging out great performances, chat show appearances, rare and long forgotten archive and home movie footage. There are also contributions from family, friends and colleagues, all combining to unpick the stories behind this legend of British entertainment – told in his own words and by those who knew him best. (R)  
**10.00** **Comedy Gold: Les Dawson and Friends.** A selection of clips featuring the much-loved comedian.  
**11.20** **French and Saunders: 30 Years of Laughs.** A celebration of the careers of Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders, in particular their work as a double-act. Contributors include Helen Lederer and Christopher Biggins. (R)  
**12.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** The A-Team. (R) **4.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Earth's Greatest Spectacles **8.00** Wonders of the Monsoon **9.00** Hidden **10.00** A Life on Screen – Stephen Fry **11.00** Roy Orbison: Love Hurts **12.00** Top of the Pops: 1986 **12.30** Smashing Hits! The 80's Pop Map of Britain & Ireland **1.30** The Girl from Ipanema: Brazil, Bossa Nova and the Beach **2.30** Wonders of the Monsoon **3.30** Top of the Pops: 1986 **4.00** Close  
**ITV2**  
**12.35** Catchphrase **1.20** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.25** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **4.40** Film: Happy Feet Two (2011) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00** Film: Happy Feet Two (2011) **6.35** Film: The Mummy (1999) **7.40** FYI Daily **7.45** Film: The Mummy (1999) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.05** Keith Lemon: Coming in America **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.15** CelebAbility **2.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**2.25** ITV Racing Live from Newmarket. Coverage of today's race meetings. **4.00** Foyle's War **6.00** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Vera **1.00** Honest **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping  
**ITV4**  
**3.00** Storage Wars: Texas **4.00** Monster Carp **5.00** When English Football Ruled Europe **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** World Series of Poker Shanghai **12.00** Better Late Than Never **12.55** Football's Foreign Legion **1.55** Stuck on You: The Football Sticker Story **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.30** Young Sheldon **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Colombiana (2011) **11.05** Gogglebox **1.20** Tattoo Fixers **2.20** Rude Tube **4.05** How I Met Your Mother **4.50** Rude(ish) Tube  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Vice Versa (1988) **1.00** Stuart Little 2 (2002) **2.35** Speed 2: Cruise Control (1997) **5.00** Carry On Regardless (1961) **6.55** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013) **9.00** The Green Mile (1999) A prison guard amazed by the healing power and gentle nature of a man on death row comes to doubt his guilt. Supernatural drama, starring Tom Hanks and Michael Clarke Duncan. **12.00** Alien Resurrection (1997) **2.10** The Bay (2012) **3.55** Close



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## CHOICE



Gary Lineker

**MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup 2018 (BBC1, 3.50pm)**

Gary Lineker presents coverage of the final (Kick-off 4.00pm), which comes from Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, as the sport's most prestigious match takes place and the successors to Germany are crowned. The defending champions sensationally crashed out at the group stage this time around, finishing bottom of Group F following defeats to Mexico and South Korea, with their solitary victory over Sweden eventually counting for nothing. There were six previous World Cup winners who made it through to the knockout phase, however, as Uruguay, Spain, France, Argentina, Brazil and England all safely made it past their groups, though Spain and Argentina fell at the last-16 stage.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.10** Songs of Praise. **12.45** BBC News. **Weather. 1.00** Wimbledon 2018. Sue Barker presents the build-up to the men's singles final. **1.50** Wimbledon 2018. Live coverage of the men's singles final. **3.00** MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup Final Build Up. A look ahead to the final. **3.50** MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup 2018. Coverage of the final (Kick-off 4.00pm).

**6.35 BBC News.****7.00 Regional Programme.**

**7.00** **Countryfile.** Sean Fletcher presents a special programme on Wales, spelling out what he loves so much about the country, including archive footage exploring the Seven Wonders of Wales. The mountains, hill farming, heritage, wildlife, castles, food and coastline of Wales are all examined, with the latter being of particular relevance as Sean journeys along Pembrokeshire's stretch of the Welsh Coastal Path.

**8.00** **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents the show from Minehead Railway Station, where items brought in for the experts to value include a chair thought to have once belonged to Henry VIII, a 19th-century washing machine, a holiday camp dance trophy, a miniature of Napoleon and a wedding dress that has been worn down the aisle by seven brides.

**9.00** **Poldark.** Sam convinces Drake to return from exile following his abandonment of Rosina, and Nathaniel Pearce's death reveals how he embezzled Pascoe's clients' funds. Ross finds Geoffrey Charles led astray by Monk Adderley and steers his nephew from trouble, while Drake returns to the village with Sam, who threatens retribution on any who attack his brother.

**10.00 BBC News.****10.20 Regional Programme.**

**10.30** **MOTD: FIFA World Cup 2018 Highlights.** Action from the final, which came from Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow.

**11.00** **Today at Wimbledon.** Clare Balding and guests look back at highlights of the men's singles final.

**12.00** **MOTD: FIFA World Cup 2018 Replay.** 1.45 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **6.45** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Wimbledon 2018. **12.30** Coast. (R) **1.25** RAF 100: Into the Blue. **1.55** Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow. (R) **2.55** Wimbledon 2018. Continued live coverage from the All England Club.

**8.00** **Russia with Simon Reeve.** The concluding leg of the adventurer's epic journey begins in Crimea, which is part of neighbouring Ukraine but was annexed by Russia in 2014. Simon meets the eccentric and fearless owner of a safari park who likes to get up close and personal with his pride of lions, then comes across a small hospital where he meets an inspirational doctor trying to protect his clinic from closure. Arriving in Moscow he meets a woman who was arrested for protesting against her flat being demolished, and finally arrives in St Petersburg, where he joins fighters at a martial arts club. Last in the series. (R)

**9.00** **The Misadventures of Romesh Ranganathan.** The comedian tests his preconceptions of Albania, guided on a whistlestop tour of the country by local TV presenter and journalist Erjona Rusi. Along the way, he tries to discover why Albania has remained a stubbornly unfashionable holiday destination, meeting those at the extremes of the country, from the rural farmers to the billionaire playboys who live in the cities in the company of supermodels. Last in the series.

**10.00** **Reporting Trump's First Year: The Fourth Estate.** Michael Flynn pleads guilty over lying to the FBI, and reporters dig deeper on the obstruction of justice case Robert Mueller might be building. Last in the series.

**10.55** **That's the Way, A-Ha, A-Ha, Joe Lycett.** A performance from the comedian's award-winning live show, recorded at the Duchess Theatre in London's West End. (R)

**11.55** **Golf: Scottish Open.** Highlights of the final round of the European Tour event at Gullane Golf Club in East Lothian, where Rafa Cabrera Bello entered as the defending champion.

**12.55** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **1.55** Holly City. (R) **2.55** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Mission Employable. (R) **6.55** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** NinjaGo: Tournament of Elements. (R) **7.30** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **7.55** Drop Dead Weird. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball on Sunday. **9.25** Japandemonium. (R) **9.55** The Voice Kids. (R) **11.25** Midsomer Murders. (R) **1.25** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** You've Been Framed! Gold. (R) **2.00** The Chase. (R) **2.55** FIFA World Cup 2018: Final Build Up. A look ahead to the 21st staging of the showpiece match. **3.45** FIFA World Cup 2018. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the final (Kick-off 4.00pm).

**6.30** **Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs.** Paul and the staff try an unconventional technique to calm down an over-excited mongrel, and a young German shepherd turns out to have hidden health problems. (R)

**7.00** **ITV News: Weather.****7.15** **Regional Programme: Weather.**

**7.30** **The Voice Kids.** Emma Willis presents the junior version of the singing talent contest, giving youngsters between the ages of seven and 14 a chance to achieve stardom. The Voice UK's Will.I.am returns as one of the three coaches, with McFly's Danny Jones and pop star Pixie Lott occupying the other two spinning red chairs. Up for grabs this time is a £30,000 prize to contribute to the winning child's musical education, along with a family holiday to Disneyland Paris.

**9.00** **Unforgotten.** New series. The body of a teenage girl who went missing at the turn of the millennium is found at a building site off the M1.

**10.00** **ITV News: Weather.**

**10.15** **Rising Damp Forever.** Part one of two. Documentary about the classic sitcom, featuring contributions from creator Eric Chappell and star Don Warrington, who revisits the studio where the show was filmed. (R)

**11.15** **Rising Damp Forever.** Part two of two. The crew of the sitcom and star Don Warrington are reunited, while director Joe McGrath and actor Christopher Strauli discuss making the movie version. (R)

**12.15** The Big Fish Off. (R) **1.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.25** Frasier. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Bake Off: The Professionals. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Film: A Monster in Paris. (2011) Animated comedy, with the voice of Vanessa Paradis. **3.40** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.40** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R) **5.40** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R)

**6.40** **Channel 4 News.**

**7.00** **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** In this treehouse special, George rediscovers some of the best tiny builds to be found up in the treetops across the world, including a romantic retreat in Tuscany, a tree hotel in Sweden shaped like a UFO and a treehouse designed like a mirrored cube. Plus, a look back at the epic treehouse George and master carpenter Will Hardie built together in Kielder Forest Park.

**8.00** **Dunkirk: The Forgotten Heroes.** The untold story of what happened after the Dunkirk evacuation, told by the men who were there and using recently declassified secret documents. Following the evacuation, tens of thousands of British troops were still left in France, fighting for their lives. The 51st Highland Division were ordered to fight on against the Hitler's war machine and now, almost 80 years later, the only remaining survivors of that Division tell their extraordinary story for the first time.

**9.00** **The Handmaid's Tale.** The Waterfords embark on a diplomatic trip abroad, and Serena Joy faces the temptation of life outside Gilead. Luke and Moira grapple with survivor's guilt, while Offred seeks support from allies.

**10.15** **Film: Hell or High Water.** (2016) Premiere. A divorced father and his ex-con older brother resort to a desperate scheme in order to save their family's ranch in West Texas. Drama, starring Jeff Bridges.

**12.15** The Last Leg. A comic review of the past seven days. (R) **1.10** News Crack. (R) **1.35** Film: Wuthering Heights. (2011) Period drama, starring James Howson. **3.50** Mobil 1: The Grid. (R) **4.20** My Kitchen Rules. (R) **5.15** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **5.35** Star Boot Sale. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) **6.40** Seaside Antics. (R) **6.45** Only the Little White Van. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.50** Rusty Rivets. (R) **7.55** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.15** Pirata & Capitano. **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Floogals. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** FIA Formula E. **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.10** Windsor Castle: The Queen's Favourite Home - Part One. (R) **4.10** Windsor Castle: The Queen's Favourite Home - Part Two. (R) **5.05** St Paul's: Secrets of the Great Cathedral. (R)

**6.00** **Westminster Abbey: Inside Britain's Most Famous Church.** Cameras look inside the 11th-century church, that has been the final resting place for 17 monarchs and hosted 16 royal weddings, including the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's. (R)

**6.55** **Titanic: Draining the Wreck.** Using comprehensive mapping data, this programme follows the most dynamic and comprehensive look at Titanic to date, observing the creation of a 3D map of the ship's remains. (R)

**7.55** **Deep-Sea Super Predator.** Documentary about a mysterious super-predator so large and aggressive that it can hunt down and devour a three-metre-long great white shark. (R)

**8.55** **5 News Weekend.**

**9.00** **Film: Wrath of the Titans.** (2012) Ancient Greek demi-god Perseus must defeat a race of monsters that have escaped from the underworld. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Sam Worthington and Liam Neeson.

**10.05** **5 News Weekend.**

**10.10** **Film: Wrath of the Titans.** (2012) Concluded.

**11.05** **Film: The Legend of Hercules.** (2014) Mythological adventure, starring Kellan Lutz.

**12.05** **Access. 12.10** **Film: The Legend of Hercules.** (2014) Concluded. **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.10** The A-Team. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Secret Knowledge: Stradivarius and Me. **7.30** BBC Proms 2018 **10.00** Ben & James Versus the Arabian Desert **11.00** Six Wives with Lucy Worsley **12.00** The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers **1.00** David Starkey's Music & Monarchy **2.00** Peter York's Hipster Handbook **3.00** Ben & James Versus the Arabian Desert **4.00** Close

**ITV2**

**11.50** Take Me Out **1.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.00** Film: You've Got Mail (1998) **3.00** FYI Daily **3.05** Film: You've Got Mail (1998) **4.20** Film: Mamma Mia! Sing-along (2008) **5.25** FYI Daily **5.30** Film: Mamma Mia! Sing-along (2008) **6.30** Film: The Mummy Returns (2001) **7.30** FYI Daily **7.35** Film: The Mummy Returns (2001) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Aftersun **11.05** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.35** CelebAbility **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV4 Nightscreen

**ITV3**

**7.00** Victoria **9.00** Elton John: The Nation's Favourite Song **10.35** Wire in the Blood **12.30** Blue Murder **1.55** Liverpool **2.50** Road to Avonlea **4.35** Judge Judy **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

**ITV4**

**11.00** Storage Wars: Texas **11.30** Tour de France Live. Coverage of stage nine of the Grand Tour event. **3.30** River Monsters **4.30** Storage Wars: Texas **5.55** The Chase Celebrity Special **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Film: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011) **11.35** Film: Harry Brown (2009) **12.35** FYI Daily **12.40** Film: Harry Brown (2009) **1.45** The Motorbike Show **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.30** Teleshopping **E4**

**11.20** The Big Bang Theory: Big Moments **4.50** The Big Bang Theory **5.15** The Big Bang Theory: Big Moments **5.40** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Special **6.45** Film: Thor (2011) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Gogglebox **11.05** Gogglebox Australia **12.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.55** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.35** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.20** Gogglebox Australia **3.15** Hollywood **Film4**

**11.00** Toral Toral Toral (1970) **2.00** Back to the Future (1985) **4.20** Back to the Future Part II (1989) **6.30** Back to the Future Part III (1990) **9.00** The Take (2016) **10.45** Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (2012) **12.50** The Place Beyond the Pines (2012) **3.40** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

**Site Unseen: An Emma Fielding Mystery, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
Premiere. An archaeologist and her team are embroiled in a murder investigation when a dead body is found at their dig site. Whodunit, starring Courtney Thorne-Smith. (2017)

TUESDAY

**A Teacher's Obsession, Channel 5, 3.20pm**  
A lacrosse star is kicked off the team until she can improve her grades, leading to a new teacher taking a disturbing interest in her. Thriller, starring Molly Hagan. Edited for daytime broadcast. (2015)

WEDNESDAY

**Mama, Channel 4, 1am**  
A man takes in his two nieces, who have been left to fend for themselves for years in a forest after their parents' deaths. He and his girlfriend try to give the almost animalistic children a normal life, unaware that a supernatural force that looked after the girls in the wild has followed them home. Horror, starring Jessica Chastain and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau. (2013)



Crank, Friday, ITV, 10.45pm

THURSDAY

**Two Wrongs, Channel 5, 3.20pm**  
Nurse and single mother Sarah struggles to balance her work and home life, but her worst nightmare is realised when her daughter Lauren is abducted while walking home alone from school and she faces a moral dilemma if she is to save her child. Thriller, starring Gillian Zinser, Ryan Blakely, Brooklyn Lax and Aidan Devine. (2015)

FRIDAY

**Crank, ITV, 10.45pm**  
An assassin faces a race against time when he learns a rival has poisoned him with a drug that will kill him if his heart rate drops below a certain level. As he sets out to take revenge on his enemies, he has to resort to increasingly desperate acts to keep his adrenaline pumping. Action thriller, with Jason Statham, Amy Smart, Jose Pablo Cantillo, Efrén Ramirez, Dwight Yoakam, Carlos Sanz, Reno Wilson and Jay Xcala. (2006)

# Nadiya serves up a tasty treat with her favourite dishes

**B**elieve it or not, there was a time when cooking shows just didn't matter. They were cosy time-fillers that propped up the schedules while we waited for the likes of Top of the Pops, Tomorrow's World and super soaps like Dallas and Dynasty. But then things changed. Yes, the humble cookery show was still cheap to make (a staple ingredient for any cash-conscious producer), but with the right person, or people doing their bit to cameras, it could be the stuff of TV gold.

Thanks to mavericks like Keith Floyd, who berated his producer and essentially directed the show himself inbetween glugs of wine, the nation realised cookery shows could be fun.

Yes, Delia Smith might be there like a stable rock with top cooking tips, but Floyd was a culinary rock star, who just happened to look like an eccentric professor.

Fast forward to 2016 and we have more cookery shows than we can shake a (chop) stick at. Every type

of series, with a vast array of larger-than-life presenters, who travel the world and carry out cooking sketches in exotic locations while we at home dream mournfully over beans on toast.

One of the greatest finds of recent years is of course Nadiya Hussain, the Great British Bake Off winner whose bright ideas, offbeat sense of humour and magnetic screen presence ensured her fanbase grew faster than a proving loaf with too much yeast.

In the past three years since she became a household name, the 33-year-old Leeds mum of three has fronted compelling travel show The Chronicles of Nadiya; co-hosted The Big Family Cooking Showdown; helped edit the BBC's Good Food magazine; written a weekly broadsheet column, and is now back on the box with this lip-smacking new series.

She'll be showing viewers how to create the perfect dishes to compliment any kind of day, and meets some of Britain's most inspiring home cooks along the way.

Nadiya begins by demonstrating recipes for family days out, including chai-spiced vermicelli, cheese biscuits with tomato jam, a filling samosa pie, as well as a prawn saffron biryani to come home to.

Though you can of course add plenty of butter and full-fat milk to certain dishes, Nadiya is well aware that most of us are fighting the battle of the bulge, so she offers lighter alternatives.

Her quest to find the best homemade pasty in Britain takes her to Cornwall, and she also visits a rapeseed-oil farm in Northampton.

"For me, food is all about family, and those special moments when we all come together over a mouthwatering meal," explains Nadiya.

"I want to share some of my yummy family favourites. Dishes for every kind of day. I'm also going to travel the country, meeting inspirational home cooks who go the extra mile to make scrumptious products that most of us buy in the shops."



Nadiya's Family Favourites, Monday, BBC2, 8pm

# BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

**The Island That Saved My Life BBC1, 7.30pm**

Suffering from depression and with an accompanying trait of shyness, 23-year-old Sarah Moore found her life in Edinburgh tough. She found a solution, however - even though it meant leaving her family, she moved to the remote Orcadian island of North Ronaldsay, which boasts a population of around 50. There, she took up several jobs, and started to build a new life for herself; one which suited her down to the ground. Now, much happier in the beautiful surroundings of the Orkney Isles, she feels much more a member of the community - and, ironically, has a far more active social life than she did in the Scottish capital. This documentary, part of BBC One's Our Lives strand, tells her remarkable story.

TUESDAY

**Inside the Factory BBC2, 8pm**

For millions of us, getting through the day without a coffee or three is an unthinkable prospect, but what goes into making the stuff? In the first of a new run, Gregg Wallace explores an enormous Derbyshire coffee factory, where they produce 175,000 jars a day. He follows the production of freeze-dried

instant coffee, from the arrival of 27 tonnes of Brazilian green coffee beans right through to dispatch. Meanwhile, Cherry Healey learns about the drink's chemistry and Ruth Goodman investigates its origins, visiting the site of the UK's first coffee house which sprang up in a London churchyard in 1652.

WEDNESDAY

**Animals Behaving Badly BBC1, 8pm**

A new three-part series from the BBC - and let's face it, who does animal docs better? - focuses on the science behind animal behaviour. While it may have a fun and often adorable veneer, it also sneaks in a bit of science along the way. The first episode focuses on mating, and frankly some of these critters have habits which we may find distasteful to say the least. Presenter Liz Bonnin reveals how mongoose are apt to start turf wars simply to create a distraction in order to sneak in and mate; macaques meanwhile will actually kidnap babies in order to curry favour with rivals. Meanwhile, in the American plains, she finds out why

promiscuity might be the key to healthy offspring - in prairie dogs, at least.

THURSDAY

**George Clarke's Old House, New Home Channel 4, 8pm**

New series. Architect George Clarke returns to unlock the potential of old houses. He meets teachers Simon and Sofie, whose 1930s Liverpool semi has lost its way thanks to a small kitchen

squeezed into what would have been the wash house and some dodgy interior design choices made by the previous owner. Can he come up with a structural redesign and interior scheme with just £15,000? He also visits a medieval farmhouse in Kent that's like a perfectly preserved time capsule and needs an upgrade suitable for a young and rapidly growing family.



Our Shirley Valentine Summer, Thursday, ITV, 9.30pm

**Our Shirley Valentine Summer ITV, 9.30pm**

The play (and subsequent movie) Shirley Valentine told the story of a bored housewife who found a new lease of life when she went to Greece on holiday. But could a trip to the Greek islands work have a similar effect on a group of female celebrities who feel they have reached a crossroads in their own lives? Melinda Messenger, Sian Lloyd, Nancy Dell'Olio, Aggie MacKenzie, Ninia Benjamin, Lizzie Cundy, Annabel Giles, and Ingrid Tarrant are all single and all have a personal goal in mind, whether it's boosting their confidence, getting over a marriage breakdown or finding a new career. Some of them are also hoping to find love. But can they discover what they are looking for in the Greek islands - and will the fact that they all want to try something new bond them as they find themselves living under the same roof?

FRIDAY

**Golf: The Open Championship Highlights BBC2, 8pm**

Ellih Barbour presents action from the second day of the prestigious event, which takes place at Carnoustie Golf Links in Angus, Scotland, as the players aimed to make the cut ahead of the weekend's play.

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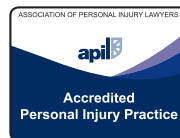


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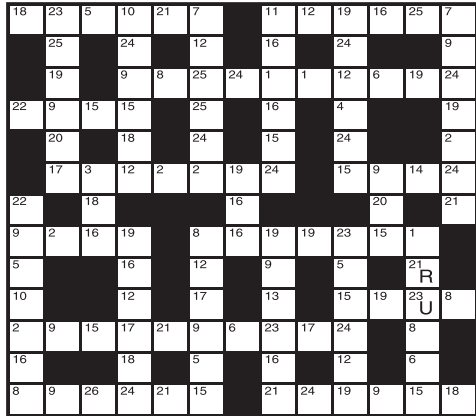


## BRAIN GYM

No.488

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
X	W	S	C	D	V	Q	N	O	F	Y	J	G
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

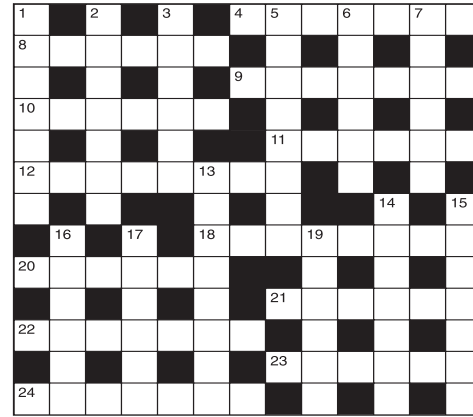
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

- On air journey, youth leader becomes giddy (7)
- Sport in the packaging department? (6)
- To carve ham (7)
- Indicates letters used in incantations (6)
- Give ear to silent reform (6)
- Letter used in the manner of a buccaneer (8)
- Defer mail open to change (8)
- Producer of electricity from Monday (6)
- Trivial insult (6)
- Thus, being lawful, make an appeal (7)
- Be relevant to animal appearing (4,2)
- Stuck in this place with a theologian around (7)

## Down

- Lamb, say, is extremely bad (7)
- Right in leaving out selected passage (7)
- Horn learnt badly (6)
- Cut down on affection, receiving none at all (8)
- Has rig-out which is showy (6)
- Marked correct time? (6)
- Suitable to place in monkey (8)
- Fake produced by a blacksmith? (7)
- Giving permission for hiring (7)
- Verbal saying? (6)
- Salty South African class of goods (6)
- Agriculturalist at the helm? (6)



## Quick Clues:

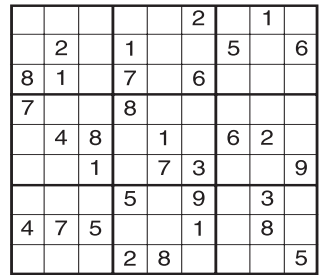
## Across

- Relief (7)
- Eatable (6)
- Competent (7)
- Annul (6)
- Sting (6)
- Courageous (8)
- Upset (8)
- Seemly (6)
- Treat (6)
- Chief city (7)
- Glimpse (6)
- Under (7)

## Down

- Chorus (7)
- Contend (7)
- Gratify (6)
- Rouse (8)
- Courteous (6)
- Threefold (6)
- Lengthen (8)
- Sweet dish (7)
- Whole number (7)
- Ten years (6)
- Contrivance (6)
- Indeed (6)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

5	7	3	4	8	6	9	2	1
8	4	9	3	1	2	6	5	7
6	2	1	9	5	7	4	8	3
4	6	2	1	3	9	5	7	8
9	1	5	6	7	8	3	4	2
3	8	7	2	4	5	1	6	9
7	9	4	8	6	3	2	1	5
2	5	6	7	9	1	8	3	4
1	3	8	5	2	4	7	9	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Good spirits; 9 Eat; 10 Allotment; 11 Press; 13 Cynical; 14 Needle; 16 Senate; 18 Opulent; 19 Lathe; 20 China clay; 21 Act; 22 Leading role. Down: 2 Out; 3 Draws; 4 Palace; 5 Retinue; 6 Trenchant; 7 Keep in touch; 8 At all events; 12 Executive; 15 Leeward; 17 Stolen; 19 Layer; 21 Awl. QUICK - Across: 1 Domesticity; 9 And; 10 Insensate; 11 Lapse; 13 Leaders; 14 Braise; 16 Animal; 18 Lineage; 19 Minus; 20 Trickster; 21 All; 22 Celebration. Down: 2 Odd; 3 Elite; 4 Tussle; 5 Contain; 6 Tradesman; 7 Fallibility; 8 Senselessly; 12 Plaintive; 15 Shackles; 17 Better; 19 Merit; 21 Adu.

## Quiz

- Who is Frank Richards' most famous creation?
- With which disease is oncology concerned?
- Which unit of distance is 1.852 km long?
- Who wrote the foreword for the surprise best-seller The Catechism?
- Which Australian PM was nicknamed 'the Prefect'?
- In which country is the IJsselmeer lake?
- Which violinist was often accompanied by his sister Hephzibah?
- Who wrote The Bostonians?
- Who plays Gilderoy Lockhart in the movie Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets?
- In which county is the seaside resort Herne Bay?

## Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Elbrus; 2 Science fiction; 3 Order of the

Garter; 4 Sherry; 5 Lead; 6 Diana Rigg;

7 Benjamin; 8 Mary Pierce; 9 Indian; 10 FBI.

Niner: CONSTABLE

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1899 gives a disturbance,  
2675 gives a second disturbance,  
163947 gives a disaster.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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## Four-bedroomed executive detached in great location

An executive detached family home in an exceptional location, 6 Oakwood, Rugeley, is for sale through JR Distinctive Homes at offers over £500,000.

It lies on the rural fringes of Cannock Chase – An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Being beautifully presented, this family home has flexible accommodation and a mature garden plot, with its very own copse to the side, which is ideal for a children's play area.

It has an enclosed porch, a reception hall, guest cloakroom/WC, a lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility area, study, sitting room, galleried landing, bedroom one (en-suite), three further bedrooms, a bathroom and an integral garage.

In more detail, the lounge has a modern feature fire surround housing a raised gas pebble effect fire and sliding patio doors leading to the rear garden. Having laminate flooring, the dining room has a window to the rear.

The kitchen has a matching range of units with granite worktops, integrated appliances of a dishwasher, freezer and Belling Range gas cooker.

The utility area has a range of matching base and wall units with plumbing for a washing machine and a tumble dryer and co-ordinated wall tiling. The study has laminate flooring and a side window. Again with laminate flooring, the sitting room has a side window.

The galleried landing is approached via a spindle staircase from the reception hall. It also has a large linen cupboard and front windows. Front-facing bedroom one has a range of bedroom furniture and an en-suite, while the three further bedrooms all have fitted furniture. There is a family bathroom.

Outside is a large block paved driveway leading to the integral garage. There is a lawned fore garden, while a gated pedestrian access leads around to the rear garden which is fully enclosed and has an attractive entertaining area.

RUGELEY £500,000



### TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

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### KEY FEATURES

Executive detached  
Four bedrooms  
Exceptional location  
Own copse  
Exclusive private drive



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Plot 3 The Whitby

**Highfields Gardens, Plots 2 & 3 Bramwell Drive, Hednesford, WS12 4GG (Rear of 95 High Mount Street, Hednesford, WS12 4BN)**  
 Plot 3 - The Whitby - Well equipped 4 bedroom terraced property, briefly comprising: Ground Floor: Reception hall., cloakroom, lounge, breakfast kitchen. First Floor: Landing, three bedrooms. Second Floor: Landing, master bedroom, ensuite shower room & dressing room. Outside: Garage and gardens. 121m² **PRICE: £219,950**



Rear of Plot 2

Plot 2 - The Helmsley - Well equipped 4 bedroom terraced property, briefly comprising: Ground Floor: Reception hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen. First Floor: Landing, bedroom one, ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms, bathroom. Second Floor: Landing, master bedroom, ensuite shower room & dressing room. Outside: Garage and gardens. 132m² **PRICE: £234,950**

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## PROPERTY



### Dormer bungalow on enviable plot has extensive views

**An individually designed four-bedroomed detached dormer bungalow, The Cliffs, Meadow Lane, Little Haywood, is situated on an enviable plot with far-reaching views.**

It is for sale through JR Properties at £450,000 with no chain.

The property has flexible accommodation and has to be viewed to be fully appreciated.

The established plot has a gated driveway providing parking

**LITTLE HAYWOOD**  
**£450,000**

for several vehicles and various lawned areas with matures trees and shrubbery, offering privacy and seclusion within the lovely village setting of Little Haywood.

It has an entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, orangery, dining room, kitchen, utility, ground floor bedroom/sitting room, separate

WC, downstairs bathroom, first floor landing, three first floor bedrooms and a shower room.

Outside, the property is elevated from the road and has wooden gates which lead to the large tarmac driveway. This in turn leads to the single garage with an up and over door.

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## WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

NEW



- One Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS/PETS

£400 pcm

## HOBBY WAY, HEATH HAYES

NEW



- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

## WELLINGTON MEWS, HEDNESFORD

NEW



- Two Bed Mews
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Heating & GD
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£590 pcm

## EDISON CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

NEW



- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom, GH
- DG, Gardens
- Driveway & Garage
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS/PETS

£625 pcm

## HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW



- 3 Bed Detached
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- GCH, DG, Gardens
- Driveway
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/PETS

£750 pcm

## VINE COURT, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



### RETIREMENT APARTMENT

- Third floor retirement apartment
- Wide range of facilities within the complex
- Security intercom, Lift access
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms and wet room
- 24 hour care on hand
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£25,000 25% Shared Ownership

## VAN GOGH CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

NEW



- A One Bed First Floor Maisonette situated in a Popular Residential Location
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Double Bedroom with Built in Wardrobes
- Bathroom
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Communal Gardens

£84,950

## UNION STREET, BRIDGTOWN

NO CHAIN



- Well presented ground floor apartment
- Lounge/Diner, 2 Double bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- En-suite & Bathroom
- Off road parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£99,950

## STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY

NO CHAIN



- A Traditional Two Bedroom End Terraced House
- D/G, Gas Connected to Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£115,000

## FIELDHOUSE ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN



- A Spacious Three Bed Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Spacious Dining Room
- Ground Floor Bathroom, Kitchen
- Three bedrooms, Provisions for Off Road Parking at Rear
- Front and Good Sized Rear Gardens

£129,950 NO CHAIN

## VIEW STREET, HEDNESFORD



- A Very Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House.
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/Store Room, Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Block Paved Driveway, Enclosed Rear Garden

OIEO £150,000

## ABBAY STREET, HEDNESFORD



- A Well Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining room, Guest WC, Kitchen
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms,
- Spacious Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage, Off Road Parking
- Delightful Front and Rear Gardens
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£150,000

## STATION COURT, CANNOCK



- A Modern Well Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen,
- Lounge/Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Parking to Rear
- Front and Rear Gardens

£153,000

## STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

REDUCED



- A Well Presented and Improved Two Bedroom Semi Detached House.
- Entrance Hall, Lounge-Diner
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Guest WC,
- Conservatory,
- Two double bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom.
- Front and Rear Gardens, Driveway.

£155,000 NO CHAIN

## GREENHEATH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN



- A Well Presented Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Detached Garage
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£190,000

## PURCELL CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

NEW

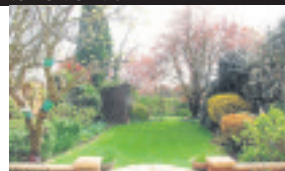


- An Extended Beautifully Presented Three Storey End Terraced House
- Guest WC, Dining Room, Family Lounge
- Kitchen, Three Bedrooms

- Family Bathroom
- Impressive Re-Fitted En-Suite
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway, VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£199,950

## CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES



- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

## RAWNSLEY ROAD, HEDNESFORD



- Viewing Highly Recommended
- Reception Hall, Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Diner, Bathroom
- Conservatory, Two DOUBLE bedrooms
- Study, Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage & Ample Driveway

OIEO £200,000

## SAPPHIRE DRIVE, HEATH HAYES



- An Immaculately Presented Three Bedroom Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen
- Utility, Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Generous
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking

£209,995

## WALSALL ROAD, CHURCHBRIDGE



- An Extremely Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Reception Hall/ Dining Room, Lounge
- Modern Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front and Delightful Rear Gardens
- Garage and Driveway

£210,000

## ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON



- A Modern Extremeley Well Presented Four Bedroom Detached Family Home.
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway
- Landscaped Rear Garden

OIRO £227,500



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Offers Around £40,000

Ground Floor Flat  
Two Bedrooms  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
40% Shared Ownership  
EPC D

## New Penkridge Road, Cannock



Top Floor Apartment  
One Bedroom  
Lounge  
Off Road Parking  
Close To Cannock Town  
Centre  
EPC C

Offers Around  
£92,000

## Coulthwaite Way, Rugeley



Offers Over £70,000

One Bedroom Apartment  
Lounge  
Kitchen/Diner  
Bathroom  
Off Road Parking  
EPC D

## Cherry Close, Burntwood



Offers Over £137,500

Semi Detached Property  
Two Bedrooms  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
Off Road Parking  
EPC C

## Sunley Drive, Hednesford



Offers Over £145,000

Semi Detached Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
Converted Garage  
EPC C

## Platt Street, Cannock



Offers Around £160,000

Semi Detached Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Conservatory  
Rear Garden  
Off Road Parking  
EPC D

## Essex Drive, Hednesford



Offers Around £170,000

Semi Detached Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
Front and Rear Gardens  
EPC D

## Blake Close, Cannock



Mid Terrace Property  
Two Bedrooms  
Conservatory  
Rear Garden  
Off Road Parking  
EPC C

Offers Around  
£120,000

## Ascot Drive, Cannock



Semi Detached Property  
Two Bedrooms  
Lounge  
Off Road Parking  
NO CHAIN  
EPC D

Offers Around  
£140,000

## Cannock Road, Cannock



Offers Over £170,000

Semi Detached Property  
Three Double Bedrooms  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
Rear Garden  
EPC E

## Peregrine Way, Cannock



Offers Over £175,000

End Terrace Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Two Bathrooms  
Front & Rear Gardens  
Off Road Parking  
Awaiting EPC

## Hallum Way, Hednesford



Offers Around £185,000

Semi Detached Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Lounge / Diner  
Rear Garden  
Off Road Parking  
EPC B

## 10 St Pauls Close, Heath Hayes



Offers Over £265,000

Detached Property  
Four Bedrooms  
Lounge, Dining Room  
Kitchen, Utility  
Rear Garden  
EPC D

## Newlands Lane, Cannock



Offers Around £270,000

Detached Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Conservatory  
En Suite  
Garage  
EPC D

## Wood Lane, Hednesford



Detached Property  
Four Bedrooms  
Dining Room, Kitchen  
Utility  
Garage  
Awaiting EPC

Offers Over  
£250,000

## Saxon Road, Penkridge



Offers Over £270,000

Extended Link Detached Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
Garage  
EPC D

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**NEW**

**CANNOCK**  
ALLPORT STREET



EPC 73

- Stunning Throughout
- Open Plan Living Kitchen Area
- Enviably Family Bathroom
- Lounge
- Guest WC
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Large Mature Rear Garden
- Log Cabin

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF \$350,000**

**NEW**

**HEATH HAYES**  
BANK STREET



EPC 0

- Entrance
- Lounge Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Study Play Room
- Utility, W.C.
- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

**\$220,000**

**HEDNESFORD**  
BELT ROAD



EPC 67

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Four Piece Bathroom
- Through Lounge Diner
- Conservatory
- Large Rear Garden
- Driveway
- Close To Local Amenities
- Viewing Essential

**£135,000**

**NEW**

**CHESLYN HAY**  
STATION STREET







EPC 52

- Three Bedrooms
- Master Having En-Suite
- Family Four Piece Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Driveway
- Popular Location
- Viewing Essential

**£190,000**

**NEW**

**WIMBLEBURY**  
KNIGHTON ROAD



EPC 67

- Entrance
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen Diner
- Four Bedrooms
- Re Fitted Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens

**\$200,000**

**NEW**

**GREAT WYRLEY**  
TOWER VIEW ROAD





EPC 0

- Through Hallway
- Lounge Diner
- Sun Room/Snug
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility
- Three Bedrooms
- Re Fitted Bathroom
- Work Shop, Garage

**\$165,000**

**HEDNESFORD**  
BRAMWELL DRIVE



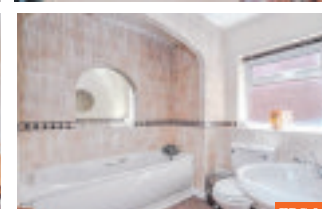



EPC 75

- Two Bedrooms
- Dressing Room to Master
- Open Plan Living/Kitchen Area
- Three Piece Bathroom
- Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

**\$140,000**

**NEW**

**GREAT WYRLEY**  
HONEYSUCKLE WAY



EPC 0

- Through Hallway
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites
- Garage

**\$330,000**

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<b>The Hollies</b> <b>CHESLYN HAY</b>  <p>Outstanding six bedroom detached family home / Set on an exclusive private cul-de-sac / Sought after village of Cheslyn Hay / Finished to a show home standard throughout / Six large well proportioned</p> <p><b>£450,000</b></p>	<b>Heather Valley</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b>  <p>Stunning four bedroom detached family home / Set on highly sought after semi rural area / Occupies good sized corner plot / Mature three tier private rear garden / Driveway for up to six vehicles</p> <p><b>£450,000</b></p>	<b>Littleworth Road</b> <b>RAWNSLEY</b>  <p>Five bedroom detached family home / NO UPWARD CHAIN / Breakfast kitchen / Drive for more than ten vehicles / Enclosed rear garden / EPC: C</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £400,000</b></p>	<b>Castlecroft</b> <b>NORTON CANES</b>  <p>Immaculately presented executive four bedroom detached house / Exclusive sought after cul-de-sac location / Spacious reception rooms &amp; bedrooms / Victorian style conservatory / Garage and drive</p> <p><b>£375,000</b></p>	<b>Wellington Drive</b> <b>CANNOCK</b>  <p>Outstanding &amp; superbly maintained four/five bedroom detached family home / Set in quiet semi rural location overlooking woodland to the front / Immaculately presented &amp; finished to high standard</p> <p><b>£360,000</b></p>	<b>Hednesford Road</b> <b>RUGELEY</b>  <p>Deceptively spacious five/six bedroom detached house / Spacious five/six bedroom detached house / First floor annexe offering a further bedroom, lounge and kitchenette / Large rear garden /</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £350,000</b></p>
<b>Kingscroft</b> <b>WIMBEBURY</b>  <p>Executive four bedroom detached family home / Set on large end plot within quiet &amp; sought after cul-de-sac / Large private rear garden / Driveway with parking for several vehicles / Double garage currently</p> <p><b>£320,000</b></p>	<b>Stafford Lane</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b>  <p>Immaculately presented three bedroom detached house / Substantially improved property / Spacious lounge / Good sized bedrooms / Garage and driveway</p> <p><b>£270,000</b></p>	<b>Watermint Close</b> <b>WIMBEBURY</b>  <p>Three bedroom detached family home / Sought after location / Off road parking for 2/3 / Victorian pitched roof conservatory / Spacious lounge &amp; separate dining room</p> <p><b>£250,000</b></p>	<b>Hill Street</b> <b>NORTON CANES</b>  <p>Immaculate three bedroom semi detached dormer bungalow / Set over floors / Situated in quiet cul-de-sac / Open plan kitchen diner / Stunning orangery to rear / Substantial first floor converted dormer</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £240,000</b></p>	<b>Carlton Close</b> <b>HEATH HAYES</b>  <p>Three bedroom detached family home / Large corner plot within a sought after location / Open plan kitchen-diner finished to a high specification / Delightful south facing private rear garden</p> <p><b>Offers in the Region Of £230,000</b></p>	<b>Pine Close</b> <b>GREAT WYRLEY</b>  <p>Deceptively spacious two bedroom detached bungalow / Immaculately presented throughout with tasteful decoration / Modern fitted open plan kitchen-diner / Driveway with parking for up</p> <p><b>£230,000</b></p>
<b>Edward Street</b> <b>CANNOCK</b>  <p>Well presented &amp; deceptively spacious three bedroom detached family home / Set on good sized plot / Large well established private rear garden / Spacious living &amp; sleeping accommodation</p> <p><b>£210,000</b></p>	<b>Armitage Lane</b> <b>BRERETON</b>  <p>Deceptively spacious four bedroom semi detached house / Spacious lounge-diner / Large breakfast kitchen / Conservatory / Versatile ground floor bedroom / En-suite to master / Private rear garden</p> <p><b>£195,000</b></p>	<b>Bond Way</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b>  <p>Well presented three bedroom detached house / Occupies corner plot / Good sized lounge &amp; open plan kitchen / Two car driveway / Private rear garden</p> <p><b>£190,000</b></p>	<b>View Street</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b>  <p>Deceptively spacious two bedroom detached bungalow / Set on good sized plot / Charming mature private rear garden / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Delightful rear sun room</p> <p><b>£190,000</b></p>	<b>Pye Green Road</b> <b>CANNOCK</b>  <p>Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Built in popular 1930's style / Set on good sized plot &amp; recently refurbished throughout / Superb spacious open plan dining kitchen</p> <p><b>£180,000</b></p>	<b>Wolverhampton Road</b> <b>CANNOCK</b>  <p>Deceptively spacious two/three bedroom dormer style bungalow / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Delightful rear conservatory / Low maintenance rear garden / Garage and driveway</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £180,000</b></p>
<b>Chapel Street</b> <b>NORTON CANES</b>  <p>Three bedroom dormer style bungalow / Sought after village of Norton Canes / Spacious open plan lounge diner / Driveway with parking for 2/3 vehicles / Delightful well maintained private rear</p> <p><b>£170,000</b></p>	<b>Leafdown Close</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b>  <p>Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet sought after cul-de-sac / spacious lounge / Open plan kitchen-diner / Private rear garden and a driveway with ample parking</p> <p><b>£160,000</b></p>	<b>Oakleigh Drive</b> <b>BRERETON</b>  <p>Well presented two bedroom mid-terraced house / Set within quiet cul-de-sac location / Far reaching views of the countryside / Superb contemporary split level layout / Good sized tiered private rear garden</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £150,000</b></p>	<b>Evergreen Heights</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b>  <p>Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Freshly painted throughout &amp; benefits from newly modern fitted kitchen &amp; bathroom / Tarmac driveway with parking for two vehicles</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £140,000</b></p>	<b>Heath Gap Road</b> <b>CANNOCK</b>  <p>Traditional victorian three bedroom semi detached house / Modern fitted kitchen &amp; ground floor bathroom / Spacious living accommodation / Large private rear garden</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £130,000</b></p>	<b>Bryans Way</b> <b>WIMBEBURY</b>  <p>Two bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Rural views to rear / Spacious lounge and kitchen-diner / Private rear garden / Driveway for 2 cars</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £125,000</b></p>
<b>Springfield Rise</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b>  <p>Well presented two bedroom terraced house / Set on quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated &amp; finished to good modern standard / Two spacious reception rooms / Modern fitted kitchen &amp; bathroom /</p> <p><b>£120,000</b></p>	<b>Highland Road</b> <b>HUNTINGTON</b>  <p>Three bedroom mid terraced house / Gated driveway and front garden / Private rear garden / NO ONWARD CHAIN</p> <p><b>Offers in the Region Of £115,950</b></p>	<b>Apple Walk</b> <b>HEATH HAYES</b>  <p>Mid terraced one bedroom house / Ideal for first time buyers or investors / Open plan living area / Open plan living area / Modern fitted kitchen / Off road parking for one vehicle plus visitors spaces</p> <p><b>£95,000</b></p>	<b>Barnard Way</b> <b>CANNOCK</b>  <p>Two bedroom ground floor maisonette / Exciting investment opportunity / Rental income of &amp;#pound;500 PCM / Private rear garden</p> <p><b>£85,000</b></p>	<b>Nelson Drive</b> <b>WIMBEBURY</b>  <p>one bedroom self contained ground floor maisonette / Quiet cul-de-sac / Open plan living area / Shower room / Ideal for first time buyers and investors</p> <p><b>£75,000</b></p>	<b>Chaffinch Close</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b>  <p>One bedroom self contained first floor maisonette / Quiet cul-de-sac / Modern fitted kitchen and shower room / Ideal for first time buyer or investors</p> <p><b>£65,000</b></p>

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### RETAIL

#### WOIVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK



- Ground Floor Retail Unit Approx 282 sq ft (26.2 sq m)
- Close to Cannock Town Centre
- 1 Car Parking Space
- EPC Rating F-134

RENT: £6,750 pax REF: BP/1922/AWH

### INDUSTRIAL UNIT

#### UNITS 15, 16 & 17 CANAL VIEW BUSINESS PARK, RUGELEY



- Warehouse Approx 5,763 sq ft (527 sq m)
- Ground & First Floor Offices Approx 1,570 sq ft (146 sq m)
- Total Space 7,243 sq ft (673 sq m)
- Eaves Height Approx 6m
- EPC Rating C-68

RENT: 37,750 pax plus VAT. REF: 1932/AWH

### INDUSTRIAL UNIT

#### WOLSELEY COURT, RUGELEY



- Modern Specification Units
- Approx 5,082 sq ft (472.1 sq m)
- May Split
- Minimum Eaves Height 5.5m
- Available September 2018
- EPC Ratings D-82 & D-92

RENT: £31,250 pax plus VAT. REF: 1931/AWH

### INDUSTRIAL UNIT

#### WOLSELEY COURT, RUGELEY



- Modern Specification Units
- Approx 12,279 sq ft (1,182.5 sq m)
- May Split
- Minimum Eaves Height 5.5m
- Available September 2018
- EPC Ratings From C-60

RENT: £77,750 pax plus VAT. REF: 1930/AWH

### RETAIL

#### HIGH STREET, WALSALL WOOD



- Ground Floor Lock-up Shop Approx 325 sq ft (30.2 sq m)
- Prominent Main Road Frontage
- Forms Part of an existing Parade
- EPC Rating D-94

RENT: £7,200 pax plus VAT. REF: 1735/ELH

### INDUSTRIAL

#### MORGANS BUSINESS PARK, BETTYS LANE, NORTON CANES



- Modern Business Unit
- Approx 3,498 sq ft (325 sq m)
- Minimum Eaves Height 18ft (5.5m)
- Ground & First Floor Offices
- Allocated Car Parking
- EPC Rated C-73

RENT: £19,250 pax plus VAT. REF: 1909/AHW

### RETAIL

#### MARKET HALL STREET, CANNOCK



- Retail Shop in the Heart of Cannock Town Centre
- Approx 658 sq ft (61.1 sq m)
- Full Height Glazing
- Kitchen and WC Facilities
- EPC Rating C-72

RENT: £25,000 pax plus VAT. REF: 1873/AWH

### INDUSTRIAL UNIT

#### UNIT 15 BRINDLEYS BUSINESS PARK, CANNOCK



- Unit Approx 2,411 sq ft (224 sq m) including administration office & 2 wc's
- Two First Floor Rooms 215 sq ft (20 sq m)
- Allocated Car Parking
- EPC Rating E-121

RENT: £14,500 pax plus VAT. REF: 1565/AWH

### INDUSTRIAL UNIT

#### UNIT 17 BRINDLEYS BUSINESS PARK, CANNOCK



- Unit Approx 2,309 sq ft (214.5 sq m)
- Office, Kitchen & wc Facilities
- 2 Allocated Car Parking Spaces
- EPC Rating C-57
- ●●PRICE REDUCED●●

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PRICE



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NEW  
PRICE



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Langley Way, Hawksyard

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MUST  
BE  
VIEWED



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Chester Road, Rugeley

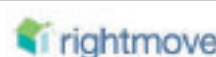
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Blakeley Close, Rugeley

£134,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom terraced home, ideal for FIRST TIME BUYERS OR INVESTORS. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear and allocated parking in separate car park.

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£239,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this refurbished detached bungalow situated at the end of a popular cul-de-sac. Offered with no upward chain this three bedroom bungalow has been remodeled and refurbished throughout by the current seller and has a refitted luxury bathroom and grey gloss high end kitchen with a lovely private South facing garden, must be viewed!

Lockside View, Rugeley

£189,995

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious three bedroom semi detached property located close to the town centre and local amenities. Internal inspection is highly recommended. Accommodation comprises: Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Three bedrooms, Bathroom, Front and rear gardens, Garage with utility area, Garden outbuilding with multiple uses

Chase Side Drive, Rugeley

£345,000

NEW



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this executive detached property situated in an enviable private position with detached double garage and not being overlooked from front and rear. Offered with No Upward Chain this large family home has one of the largest garden plots on the development and has been refurbished and updated throughout by the current vendor.

Salisbury Close, Rugeley

£299,950 OIEO

NEW PRICE



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious four bedroom detached property situated on a corner plot with views towards Cannock Chase to rear. The property benefits from refitted bathrooms, large reception rooms, plentiful parking to front and landscaped rear garden, viewing essential

Chadsfield Road, Rugeley

£249,950 OIEO

NEW PRICE



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale arguably one of the finest detached bungalows in Rugeley within walking distance to the town. The bungalow is situated on a large mature garden plot surrounded by similar detached bungalows in a leafy part of the town. The plot has two driveway entrances providing plentiful off road parking and has private formal gardens to three sides

Birches Valley, Cannock Chase

£285,000

MUST BE VIEWED



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- Three reception rooms E
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BURNTWOOD, PAVIORS ROAD

- Impressive detached family home 3
- Highly sought after location 1
- Stunning surrounding views
- Long, extensive driveway & garaging D

Great Wyrley Office - £285,000



CHURCHBRIDGE, WATLING STREET

- Newly built detached bungalow 2
- Set just off Watling Street 2
- High specification interiors
- Low maintenance rear garden

Burntwood Office - £240,000



BURNTWOOD, QUEEN STREET

- Extended period detached residence 3
- Prominent imposing wide frontage 1
- Living room, separate dining, study
- Extensive double gated parking D

Burntwood Office - £225,000



BURNTWOOD, HIGHFIELDS

- Apple Tree Cottage, circa 1800's 3
- Family semi, oozing great character 1
- Generous kitchen, big conservatory
- Multi-vehicle carport, ample garden D

Great Wyrley Office - £225,000



CHURCHBRIDGE, LOCKSIDE

- Immaculate Modern Semi 3
- Popular Estate 2
- Cul-de-sac Location
- Viewing highly recommended B

Burntwood Office - £220,000



BURNTWOOD, CANNOCK ROAD

- Renovated, extended family semi 3
- Contemporary open-plan interiors 1
- Private, expansive rear garden
- Handsome frontage. Ample parking C

Great Wyrley Office - £215,000



GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Extended 2/3 Bedroom Semi 3
- Annexe to ground floor 2
- Field Views To The Rear
- No Upward Chain E

Burntwood Office - Offers Over £210,000



NORTON CANES, HUSSEY ROAD

- Fully renovated link detached 3
- Three good sized bedrooms 1
- Extensive block paved drive
- Attractive front & rear gardens D

Great Wyrley Office - £120,000



CHESLYN HAY, OLD FALLS CLOSE

- Superb 2nd floor apartment 2
- Well presented interiors 1
- Ideal first time purchase
- Viewing highly recommended D

Great Wyrley Office - £110,000



GREAT WYRLEY, FAIR OAKS DRIVE

- Mid-terraced property 3
- Close to schools & amenities 1
- Requires updating throughout
- No onward chain D

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Lounge  
Kitchen Diner  
3 Bedrooms

Bathroom  
GCH & DG  
Garden  
Parking  
EPC Rating E

**£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

**HUNTINGTON**  
PEAR TREE CLOSE

Unfurnished  
Detached Bungalow  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms

Bathroom  
GCH & DG  
Rear Garden  
Drive  
EPC Rating C

**£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

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Kitchen  
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Bathroom  
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Rear Garden  
Drive  
EPC Rating C

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**CANNOCK**  
FOXES RAKE

Unfurnished  
Town House  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms

Bathroom  
GCH & DG  
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- Two bedroom Terraced
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- Family bathroom
- Off road parking, gargee
- Town centre location
- Rear Garden
- EPC rating E

**£133,000**

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**DENBURY CLOSE**



- A three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Tandem garage
- Driveway
- EPC rating D

**£206,000**

**CANNOCK**  
**HEDNESFORD ROAD**



- A traditional two bedroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Rear garden
- Town Centre location
- EPC rating D

**£124,950**

**HEDNESFORD**  
**HOWARD CRESCENT**



- An immaculately presented semi detached
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens front and rear
- Viewing recommended
- EPC rating D

**£195,000**

**HUNTINGTON**  
**BADGER CLOSE**



- A spacious three bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Gargee and parking
- EPC rating D

**£225,000**

**HEATH HAYES**  
**DENBURY CLOSE**



- A three bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- Garage and driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

**£210,000**

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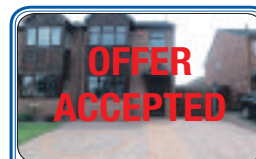
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## MOTORING

# Stylish, luxury SUV that is a real pleasure to travel in

By Sharon Walters

**In a market somewhat overwhelmed with choice, how do you choose which luxury SUV to buy?**

Most people go for badge loyalty and stick to what they've known for years. And quite often that means they've become stuck in a rut, a nice rut but one that could well do with breaking out of because there's nothing like having a change.

Now to my suggestion for that change – the Lexus RX. It's been around for quite a few years and is in its fourth generation. But it's not that well-known on our roads. More than 234,000 RX have been sold in Europe and of that number 47,600 in the UK. Quite a small number in the luxury pool over the years.

My suggestion in particular is the 450h F Sport. It's smart, sexy and packed with loads of goodies.

## Distinguished

The RX F Sport is distinguished from the rest of the range by a series of exterior elements with a matching black finish. This includes the signature Lexus spindle grille, featuring a sequence of horizontal bars, framed in chrome and flanked by fog lights set in new black surrounds.

20-inch alloy wheels have a five-twin-spoke design and are also painted black. The side profile has black housings for the heated, electrically adjustable door mirrors with integrated turn indicators and auto-folding function.

At the rear there's a black diffuser treatment for the lower part of the bumper.

In addition to the external features, the RX F Sport is equipped to a high level. LED headlight, smooth leather or high-quality fabric upholstery and a nine or 12-speaker Pioneer premium audio system with, eight or 12.3-inch Lexus Media Display are all provided as standard.

The cabin is truly luxurious with very high quality trim, a pleasure to travel in.

On the safety side the Sport has the Lexus Safety System+ package of active safety and driver assistance features that includes pre-collision system, adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning, lane keep assist and traffic sign recognition. You also get many airbags, sway warning alert, ABS with electronic brakeforce distribution and brake assist, hill start and tyre pressure warning.

The full hybrid system means that whenever the vehicle is being driven the electric motor is always operating.



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The petrol engine will stop and start at any vehicle speed depending on a variety of conditions to maintain the best possible balance between performance and efficiency.

Performance-wise the car will get from 0-62mph in 7.7 seconds, not bad for a vehicle of this size, and gas a top speed of 124mph.

Figures are all well and good but it's where the power lies in difficult situations. Let me say this car had plenty of oomph to negotiate motorway traffic and push through

winding country roads. And the electric CVT transmission is smooth and responsive.

This 450 F Sport also has a top five-star rating from Euro NCAP.

My test car had a number of options including the Premier Pack (£4,500) with items such as panoramic sunroof (making the so light and airy inside), head-up display and panoramic view monitor

On-the-road price is £54,145.

# New Santa Fe moving upmarket

**Hyundai has announced prices for the fourth-generation of its popular Santa Fe SUV. The new car will start from £33,425, putting it in the firing line of rivals such as the SsangYong Rexton, Land Rover Discovery Sport and Kia Sorento.**

The new Santa Fe gets a total exterior revamp from the previous model. Now, there's an eye-catching design language inherited from the compact Kona SUV, which sees a bold 'Cascading' grille flanked by the now-signature 'upside-down' headlamp design.

The Hyundai's seven-seat interior also receives a premium makeover, with improved material quality and extra head- and leg-room for passengers travelling in rows two and three.

In the UK, three trims will be available, though all share just one engine – a 2.2-litre diesel unit, that already features in the Kia Sorento and produces 197bhp. It's mated either to a 6-speed manual transmission or an eight-speed dual-clutch auto.

The range kicks off with SE trim, which is only available with front-wheel drive. It gets seven seats as standard, plus roof

rails, a rear-view camera, all-round parking sensors, dual-zone climate control, cruise control, and an infotainment display with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Stepping up to Premium grade sees the price rise to £36,995, but offers an impressive level of equipment including keyless entry, LED headlamps, leather seats, a KRELL sound system, built-in navigation and an electric tailgate. It's offered with manual or automatic transmissions and two or four-wheel drive, making the £38,995 Premium the cheapest 4WD Santa Fe available.

Finally, there's top-spec Premium SE, which costs from £41,795. It's offered only with the eight-speed automatic gearbox and is packed with premium kit including 19-inch alloy wheels, a panoramic glass roof, ventilated front seats, a head-up display, 360-degree cameras and sensors.

Safety equipment is a big focus, and all Santa Fe models feature lane keeping assist, high beam assist and autonomous emergency braking. All automatic variants also get speed-variable cruise control. Premium grade and above also receives blind-spot detection and rear occupancy alert, designed to prevent drivers from



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leaving children or pets in the vehicle by mistake.

The brand has also announced pricing for the new Kona diesel. Previously the car

was only available with 1.0-litre or 1.6-litre petrol engines, the new 1.6-litre diesel Kona costs from £19,750 and is available in 113bhp or 134bhp power outputs.

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# Practical with surprising dose of style

By Ryan Hiron

The van-turned-MPV has been a mainstay in the market for a number of years now – in fact, one that has been dwindling for a while.

The PSA Group – consisting of Peugeot, Citroen and now Opel/Vauxhall – has been right at the forefront of this particular game for some time with the big-selling Peugeot Partner Tepee and Citroen Berlingo twins, and it's not giving up the ghost just yet. A new wave of these machines is on the horizon, and this is the first – the Peugeot Rifter.

With the ever-growing presence of SUVs though, does buying a van-based MPV still make sense in 2018?

Although the concept of a van-MPV is nothing new, the Rifter itself is a pretty fresh machine. In fact, it's a new name – replacing the old Partner Tepee in the range and distancing itself from the Partner van it's based on.

It's got a new look as well – taking on Peugeot's most recent corporate design. Inside the cabin, the firm's stylish i-Cockpit cabin also makes an appearance.

As for engine options, there's a choice of powertrains plucked from the rest of PSA's range – namely PureTech 110 and 130 petrol engines, along with BlueHDi diesels in 75, 100 and 130 guises.

We took the helm of a Rifter powered by the BlueHDi 130 unit – a 1.5-litre engine delivering 128bhp and 221Nm of torque, here paired up to an eight-speed automatic gearbox. No official word on 0-60mph times.

As for efficiency, Peugeot claims 65.7mpg is possible on the combined cycle with CO2 emissions of 114g/km.

Don't expect it to be the last word in



There's a 775-litre load capacity

performance, but the diesel engine provides ample power to cart around the Rifter without ever feeling asthmatic. Gear changes from the automatic 'box also feel seamless and, despite the van roots, there's little noise from the engine itself – allowing for a relaxing ride.

The Peugeot Rifter was never destined to be a serious driver's car, but the experience behind the wheel is a little less than stellar – its van roots shine through all too well.

Steering falls on the light side yet the Rifter requires a ton of input at low speed to navigate around relatively tight turns, while at higher speeds body roll is incredibly present – perhaps to be expected for such a tall machine.

Style isn't the name of the game in this market segment, but the Rifter is a pretty good-looking thing in its own right. The introduction of Peugeot's corporate style pays off here – with the angular language sitting well on the van dimensions.

Compared with SUVs – even those from



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Peugeot – it's not a fashion icon but does manage to pack genuine practicality into a good-looking package.

Step into the driver's seat and you'll be greeted by the firm's i-Cockpit cabin which is slowly but surely taking over its entire range. It brings a high-positioned instrument cluster, eight-inch touchscreen infotainment system (on Allure and higher models) along with a compact, race car-esque steering wheel to create an encapsulated feel.

Looking for pure practicality? We're glad

to report the Rifter offers tons of that. The three rear seats all feature Isofix mounting points meaning all the kids can come along for the ride in child seats, while a 775-litre load capacity with all seats in place means you can fit more than enough for a family week away in the back with ease. Still not enough? A seven-seat version will be landing in the UK in 2019.

Pricing for the full range has yet to be confirmed, but the GT-Line BlueHDi 130 as tested will be available from £24,220. For the money, equipment on offer includes keyless

start, automatic dual-zone climate control, satellite navigation and tons of gloss black exterior highlights to bring a stylish edge – on top of LED daytime running lights, an eight-inch infotainment system with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto support amongst others.

The Rifter manages to bring a hint of style to a segment often not associated with it, while retaining the practicality and daily usability MPV buyers will be hoping to expect – and although it may struggle to hide its roots as a van, we can forgive that.

## Jimny more modern inside but retains its rugged spirit

Suzuki has revealed more details about its upcoming Jimny SUV. The Japanese mini-offroader captured hearts as soon as it was announced with its retro styling, and now the brand has given some details of what lies under the skin.

The new fourth-generation Jimny has a tough act to follow. The current car is incredibly long in the tooth, having been on sale since 1998 – but still has a dedicated fanbase who appreciate its combination of compact size, mechanical simplicity and serious off-road ability.

### Charming

The new model doesn't stray too far from its predecessor in terms of styling. There's a tall, boxy bodyshape with a clamshell bonnet and seven-slot front grille, while the retro round headlights and tailgate-mounted spare wheel are as practical as they are charming.

Suzuki's only confirmed one engine for the European market and surprisingly, it's not one of the firm's excellent BoosterJet turbocharged units. Instead, a brand-new naturally aspirated 1.5-litre four-cylinder petrol makes an appearance.

Codenamed K15B, the new engine looks to be concentrated on rugged simplicity rather than impressive performance.

As such, the 101bhp power output and 130Nm of torque are adequate rather than sparkling. Suzuki hasn't revealed acceleration figures, but has said that the Jimny will reach a top speed of 90mph when fitted with the



There's a tall, boxy bodyshape with a clamshell bonnet

standard five-speed manual gearbox – or 87mph with the optional four-speed automatic.

Economy figures are pegged at 41.5mpg and 37.6mpg for the manual and automatic respectively, with CO2 figures of 154g/km and 170g/km.

The Jimny's real appeal will be its rugged structure. It's still based on a ladder frame chassis with a separate low-range gearbox.

The car can be operated in 2H front-wheel-drive mode most of the time, maximising fuel economy. 4H activates the four-wheel-drive system and 4L brings in the low-range 'box

for the most challenging off-road conditions.

The previous car was always great off-road, but Suzuki is now promising improved manners on the tarmac too. A newly damped steering column should minimise vibration through the wheel, while the stiffer ladder frame improves ride quality.

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Ford Fiesta Active – the Fiesta leads UK car sales for June

# Ford leads UK sales as new Fiesta ST arrives in dealers

By Anthony Martyn

**Ford maintains its sales leadership through the month of June, and for the first half of the year, heading total vehicle, car and commercial vehicle (CV) sales in the UK.**

Highlights of the sales figures issued recently by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) include:

- Ford leads total UK car sales for the year to date (Fiesta 1st and Focus 3rd).
- Transit Custom tops the UK CV sales.
- Ford has five models in the UK Top 20 in June – Fiesta (1st), Transit Custom (4th), Focus (7th), Transit (10th) and Kuga (16th).
- Seven Ford models lead their respective segments; Ford Fiesta, Fiesta Van, Transit Courier, Transit Custom, Tourneo Custom, Transit and the Ford Ranger pick-up.

Andy Barratt, Ford of Britain chairman and managing director, said: "Fiesta is in its 10th year as the UK's best-selling car and this month sees the arrival of the new Fiesta ST in dealer showroom, our hottest version yet. Customer don't have long to wait either until the all-new Focus, our most



Ford Transit Custom leads UK CV sales for June

technologically advanced vehicle, hits the showrooms, it really is an exciting time for us with so many great products coming to market and we are seeing the private buyer respond to that and our retail share increase'.

The official figures released by the SMMT show that industry car sales in June were down 3.5 per cent to 234,945 units, compared with June 2017, year to date registrations are down 6.3 per cent at 1,401,811 compared with the same period in 2017. Ford is the year to date sales leader, with 145,541 registrations, 32,155 ahead of its nearest rival.

Ford is the clear leader in retail car sales, which most accurately reflect the preferences of private buyers. For June, Ford's retail car sales share was 12.0 per cent, 3.6 percentage points ahead of its nearest rival, and for the year to date, Ford's retail car sales share was 12.8 per cent, a lead of 5.0 percentage points and an increase 0.6 per cent over the same period in 2017.

The Ford Fiesta is the UK's best-seller in June, recording 8,900 registrations, 2,027 sales and 0.9 percentage points of share ahead of its nearest rival. With total registrations of 56,415 for the year to date, the Ford Fiesta is the UK best seller by a significant margin – 16,485 sales and 1.3 percentage points of market share ahead of its nearest competitor. In terms of retail sales, the Ford Fiesta holds a greater advantage over its nearest competitor; year to date its retail share is 6.0 per cent, 3.7 per cent ahead of its nearest rival.

UK light commercial vehicle (LCV) sales in June were down 5.8 per cent at 35,182 compared with June 2017. Ford LCV sales were up 11.9 per cent at 13,188 registrations, up from 11,786 in the same month in 2017.

For the year to date total UK LCV sales were down 2.3 per cent at 180,696, compared with the same period in 2017. Total sales of Ford CVs for the year to date were up 8.2 per cent at 64,393 compared with 2017. Ford's share of the CV market continued to grow; recording a year to date market share of 35.6 per cent, up from 32.2 per cent in 2017 and 23.6 per cent ahead of its nearest rival.

The Ford Transit Custom is the clear sales leader with 27,734 registrations for the year to date, up 3.1 per cent compared to a year ago and 15,912 sales, and 7.9 per cent of share, ahead of its nearest rival. The Ford Transit is the UK's second best-selling commercial vehicle with sales up 21.5 per cent in 2018 compare to 2017.

Demand for pick-up vehicles grew 1.6 per cent for the year to date and the Ford Ranger, with segment leadership, recorded sales of 7,930 and 29.1 per cent market share, up 28.5 per cent compared to a year ago.

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# New turbocharged engine joins the Kia Picanto range

By James Parker

Kia has now added a turbocharged engine to its Picanto line-up, completing the range which was updated in 2017. The new 1.0-litre powerplant produces 99bhp and 171Nm of torque — making it the most powerful Picanto to date.

The new engine is available as an upgrade for cars in GT-Line and GT-Line S trims, and sits above the existing naturally aspirated engines — a 1.0-litre three-cylinder and 1.25-litre four-cylinder with 67bhp and 84bhp respectively.

The new engine is capable of 0-60mph in 9.8 seconds and has a top speed of 112mph. That's just on par with the 89bhp Volkswagen up! TSI, but the 109bhp Renault Twingo GT tops it by a few tenths. The Picanto is capable of returning impressive fuel economy figures though — with a combined figure of 55.4mpg and CO2 emissions of 117g/km. It's fully compliant with Euro 6d emissions regulations, too.

This fresh unit does come at a price, as it's only available on the top-end GT-Line and GT-Line S trims. Both add dynamic details to the Picanto, including a sports body kit, red highlights on the grille, air intakes and side sills, a rear diffuser and twin exhaust pipes.

S models add in extra luxury in the form of an electric sunroof, climate control, heated front seats, a wireless phone charger and sat-nav with TomTom connected services.



The new engine is only available as an upgrade

In the best Kia tradition, the Picanto comes with an industry-leading seven-year warranty, compared with just three years on most rivals.

The GT-Line model equipped with the new engine starts at £13,320, while GT-Line S models come in from £14,720. The challenge for the Picanto is that this price puts it in line with the significantly more powerful Volkswagen up! GTI, which starts from £13,255.

● Kia Motors (UK) Ltd. has been awarded 'Company of the Last 30 Years' at the annual Auto Express New Car Awards. This is a special accolade, part of a group of awards celebrating not only the best in the industry, but also Auto Express' 30th anniversary.

Since arriving in the UK in 1991, with one model in the line-up, Kia has evolved to become one of the biggest-selling automotive brands in the UK, offering a line-up of 21 models available across its 192-strong dealer network. With the recent launch of the ground-breaking all-new Stinger, the fastest-accelerating model in Kia's history as well as an upcoming update to the UK and global best-seller, the Sportage, perceptions of the Kia brand has been altered to many.

Collecting the award, Paul Philpott, president and CEO of Kia Motors (UK) Ltd, said: "It is an honour to be presented with this award — it is a real testament to how far the brand has come since arriving in the UK. We are very proud of our product line-up and are looking forward to the brand's continued growth and even more exciting things to come in the future."

Steve Fowler, editor-in-chief at Auto Express, commented: "In less than 30 years, Kia's product range has grown from the cheap and cheerful Pride supermini, sold through an importer, to encompass fabulous SUVs, and a sports saloon that has rattled the premium establishment. Owners love their Kias: two featured in the top ten models in this year's Driver Power survey, and the Niro was rated best small SUV to own."

Kia was also recognised in three additional categories, with Picanto being commended in the City Car of the Year category. Making it onto the shortlist nominations was the Sorento for Large SUV of the Year and the all-new Stinger, Kia's first gran turismo, for Compact Executive Car of the Year.



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Doreen Vi

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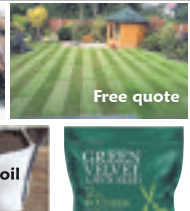
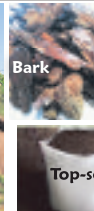
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## Future looking bright for Beacon League

THE future for one local football league looks bright after it announced an increase in club membership for the forthcoming campaign, writes Dave McLean.

Not only have the Beacon Sunday Football League (BSFL) accepted five new teams so far – it is still not too late to join the ranks – the afternoon set-up have confirmed the introduction of a new match-day initiative.

From the start of the new league season on September 2, member clubs have adopted the use of roll-on/roll-off substitutions for all competitions. Under the new rule, teams will be allowed to name five substitutes and use them at anytime in a game.

In another new move the BSFL will kick off the season with two separate sections. Two titles will be up for grabs, firstly in the established Beacon Championship, the other in a new Development division, ideal for newly-formed teams and those just entering 'open age' football. It is also hoped to introduce a new over-30s Seniors section.

## Trampolining event is set to tumble in

THE 2018 Trampoline, Tumbling & DMT British Championships springs into action at Arena Birmingham in September. This year the gymnasts gained 13 major medals in the recent European Championships.

Spectators could witness the return of history-making trampolining Olympic Silver Medallist Bryony Page on home soil, as she takes on stiff competition from world team bronze medallists Laura Gallagher and Kat Driscoll.

Nathan Bailey and Luke Strong will go head to head for the men's senior trampoline crown during the event on September 22 and 23. The senior tumbling teams led by 2018 European champion Lucie Colebeck, and her teammates Yasmin Taite, Kristof Willerton, Greg Townley and Elliott Browne will show off their power and skill.

DMT gymnasts will bring their explosive power and high-flying stunts in a bid for the British titles. The newly-crowned Junior European team champions and individual senior gold medallist Kirsty Way will be looking to edge out the competition.

## Memorial match for ex-academy coach JP

FORMER Wolves academy coach John Perkins is to be honoured with a special memorial game tomorrow (Friday).

Perkins (aka JP) worked at Molineux from 2000-2009 as assistant academy manager and under-18s coach and was in charge when Wolves' talented youngsters reached the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup in 2005.

Wolves U23s will play at Hinckley's Leicester Road FC (who play in the Midland Football League), kick off 7.30pm for The John Perkins Memorial Trophy. The match has been organised by Leicester Road FC manager Neil Lyne, who as a young semi-pro player with Leicester United also signed for Nottingham Forest with John Perkins in 1989 (when Brian Clough first recognised JP's unique coaching talents) and remained a very close friend.

JP died in October 2016, aged 69, following a short illness and at the time was senior academy coach at (then) Premiership Stoke City FC.

Wolves sporting director Kevin Thelwell explains: "John was a huge part of the development plan we had here at Wolves."



Sandwell against Walsall in one of the many football matches



A gymnast shows off her skill in the opening ceremony

# Game on as 1,000 pupils enjoy sporting festival

IT was game on as more than 1,000 youngsters went to to a Black Country sports day. The competition was fierce as more than 80 schools from across the region went head-to-head.

The seventh annual Black Country School Games Summer Festival was held at the University of Wolverhampton's Walsall campus.

Teams of young athletes from Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall battled it out in a bid to be crowned the Black Country champions and win the Joel Richards Black Country Schools Games Festival Cup.

Ian Carey, director of Active Black Country who organised the event, said: "School Games is an annual festival where we seek to bring all schools across the region together in a celebration of activity, participation and competition."

"We have got over 250 young volunteers gaining brilliant experience and skills that will stand them in good stead in terms of school but also in their future life."

### Introduce

"The young people they drive the menu of sport themselves – it is led by them. I think the children are our future and unfortunately the region suffers from some of the highest levels of childhood obesity. I think this is a great way to bring children together and introduce them to activity."

"It is a great way to introduce them to sport and physical activity on a level playing field that tries to meet the needs of all young people."

"We are just aiming for people to be able to play sport and be physically active. I believe it is a human right that people should have to play sport or be physically active."

Young people took part in a range of activities – including sports hall athletics, multi skills, rounders, rugby, cricket, dodgeball, tri-golf, multi skills, football and duathlon.

One of those taking part, Tia Maisur, aged eight, from Lanesfield Primary School in Wolverhampton, said: "We have been doing golf and we had to get the

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balls in the hole. It is my first time at the festival. I think it is really good."

Another, Jack Bickley, aged seven, from Abbey Infant School in Smethwick, said: "It was really good because we got to do a lot of activities and try different sports out."

For Andrew Marlowe, physical education teacher at The Jane Lane School in Walsall, bringing his team of boys to take their chances at going for gold in the football was 'second to none'.

He said: "You have to qualify for The Black Country Games so it is quite prestigious. Just to get here all of the schools have done well."

"We have been a few times. We are lucky enough that we have a good batch of lads every key stage and every year we do qualify for it, but it is important for them to come here, to meet new people and new schools."

"It is a confidence thing as well, we all want to win but just for them to take part and see the smiles on their faces is second to none."

It was a good showing for Sandwell at the games – who among other notable victories saw Bristnall Hall take the first place for football and Uplands Manor take the first place for golf.

But the overall award went back into the hands of the Wolverhampton students for the second year running – who won the multi skills category with St Andrews and rounders with Wolverhampton Girls High.

They won the Joel Richards Black Country Schools

Games Festival Cup – which was renamed two years ago to honour the former Wood Green Academy pupil after he lost his life in the Tunisia terror attack of 2015. Remembering the teenager is something that his former headteacher James Topham says is something the school wanted to do.

Mr Topham said: "Joel was a volunteer, he helped out at these games, he did thousands and thousands of hours of volunteering for sports, he was a real ambassador for sport."

"He absolutely loved this event. The tragic circumstances in Tunisia where he lost his life, as a school because Joel was a former pupil of Wood Green Academy, we wanted to do something to remember him."

"At that time I was chair of the local organising committee and as Joel had done so much for the Black Country in terms of sport, we wanted to be able to remember him."

"We decided on the Joel Richards Trophy, which we never had before, and also having Smile For Joel as the official charity of the games."

"I'm really pleased they are taking this charity on board. Joel was selfless, he would actively go out of his way to help people, not just in the games but as a football referee."

"Had he not lost his life in that terrorist attack, no doubt he would still be giving back to his community. We have lost that, and I hope that having him remembered and his life inspires other young people to get involved."



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## Striker leaves in the wake of appeal defeat

JUSTIN Richards has left Hednesford Town after the club's league allocation appeal was rejected.

The experienced striker, who agreed a deal with the Pitmen in early June, cannot now commit to the travelling involved in the Northern Premier League compared with that of the Southern League Central.

Manager Rob Smith said: "It is disappointing to lose Justin as he was a player that we had been chasing for a while and was going to add some great experience, strength and most importantly goals to the team."

"We totally understand his decision though, as he had signed when we were allocated a place in the new Southern League Central, and we wish him all the best for the future."

The Pitmen kicked off their pre-season campaign on Monday night with a comfortable 4-0 win at neighbours Heath Hayes. It was the start of eight weeks' preparation for the new season in the Northern Premier League, which begins on Saturday, August 18. Josh Craddock was on target, alongside three trialists hoping to impress.

Fixtures to follow are on Saturday at home to League Two Mansfield Town, 3pm kick-off; Tuesday, July 17, AFC Wulfrunians (a), 7.45pm kick-off; Tuesday, July 31 at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers u23s, 7.45pm; Thursday, August 2, at home to Tamworth, 7.45pm; Saturday, August 4 at Newtown, 7.45pm; and Tuesday, August 7, at home to Sutton Coldfield, 7.45pm.

## Community grant helps club to start short mat bowling

HAGLEY Bowls Club in Rugeley has received a grant from The Staffordshire Local Community Fund that has helped with the purchase of a 'short mat' for short mat bowling.

Ron Crawford from the club said: "We are a crown green bowling club and have now been able to set up a short mat bowling section within the club as well."

"Members will now be able to bowl indoors all year round, and already we are planning to join the local short mat bowls league."

The club were helped in their grant application by county councillors Alan Dudson, who represents Brereton and Ravenhill, and Mike Sutherland, who represents Etchinghill and Heath.

Hagley Bowls Club is located just off Western Springs Road, Rugeley, near to Globe Island and says it will welcome any new members who wish to play short mat or crown green bowls.

For further information on the club contact club secretary Pete Freeman on 01889 882550 or visit the club website at <http://www.hagleybowlsclub.moonfruit.com/>

## Pair have their sights set on Wimbledon



Lee Ingram and Hannah Richardson

A PAIR of talented tennis players could grace the courts of Wimbledon by netting success in a major tournament.

The two pupils from The Hart School in Rugeley are taking part in the Staffordshire finals of the Road to Wimbledon - Britain's biggest junior tournament for under-14s.

Hannah Richardson and Lee Ingram are competing in the challenge

which gives players the 'unique' chance to compete on the famous grass courts at SW19. The Year 8 duo won their respective girls and boys singles school heat to qualify for a place in the Road to Wimbledon's County Finals challenge.

The winners will get the chance to play at Wimbledon in August.

Hart teacher Richard Brindley, a qualified tennis coach who runs the

school's tennis club, said: "The Road to Wimbledon Challenge is a unique competition, providing a great opportunity to engage and inspire our pupils to play competition tennis."

A number of students are also competing in the Cannock and District Schools Competition, an open doubles tournament. The top two will compete in the semi-finals and finals hoping to become champions.

# WIN IS DOWN TO PAIR'S 222

DANIEL Wood and overseas player Faizan Khan racked up a double Nelson stand as Cannock put Springvale to the sword in the Staffs Clubs championship.

After losing Adam Benton for a duck, Wood and Connor Shingler (42) put on 102. Wood and Khan then enjoyed a partnership of 222. Wood's 145 not out came in 157 balls with 17 fours, Khan in 127 in 81 balls, with 15 fours. Cannock ended up on 327-3 and promptly won by 203 runs after Springvale were dismissed for 124. Matt Robinson and Ravan Chahal took three wickets each.

C&R Hawks remain in contention in the Birmingham League Division Two with a three-wicket win over Fordhouses.

In a, relatively low-scoring match at Rawnslay, Hawks dismissed Fordhouses for 133. Hawks found the going tough in reply and at 19-5, Fordhouses were in control but Saqib Akbar (69) and Lee Evans (42 not out) took the score to 124 before they were parted, setting the platform for the victory.

Penkridge and opponents Coventry & NW both ended their innings on 222-9, earning 12 points apiece.

In division three, a 66 from Callum Heenan and 54 from Joe Seager were the cornerstones in Lichfield's total of 191 all out at Swan's Nest Lane against Stratford-upon-Avon. It was enough to win by 133 runs as Lichfield's Graham Wilson returned 8-17 as Stratford crashed to 58 all out in 16 overs.

An unbeaten 57 from Tom Eley saw Milford Hall to 213 all out against Newport with home side bowlers Sam Davies and Mark Downes returning identical figures of 3-41. The result was never in doubt after Maisam Hasnain (109) and Mark Downes (58) added 114 for the third wicket, despite 3-67 from Chris Dean.

Daniel Wilks hit 110 in the same number of balls as Whittington totalled 257-6 against Bloxwich. Aaron Allcock hit 64 in reply, but Bloxwich were bowled out for 211 to lose by 46 runs.

## Pupils net a star as Beth visits



Beth Cobden with, from left, Emily Phillips, Mia Harper, Lexie Turner and Mia Barker

NETBALL gold medallist Beth Cobden returned to her primary school to give an inspirational speech about her Commonwealth Games success.

The 25-year-old spoke with students at Five Ways Primary School in Cannock and led a netball training session.

She also showed off her gold medal which she won with England during the Commonwealth Games in Australia back in April.

Beth, who grew up in Heath Hayes and now

lives in Lichfield, said: "It was really nice to go back and inspire some of the kids."

"I talked about my experiences and success during the tournament. I showed them a clip of the dying seconds of our final game before we won gold."

Beth was part of the school's netball team as a pupil and was coached by Rachel Mander who is now the headteacher.

Cobden is now gearing up to take part in the netball World Cup with England next year.

## Blend of the old and new earns draw

Lichfield City 3 Chasetown 3 CHASETOWN opened their pre-season campaign away at Lichfield.

In the sweltering heat Scholars manager Scott Dundas combined the old with the new, with some unfamiliar faces taking to the pitch during the game.

Chasetown started brightly and took the lead with Wellecome being brought down in the area. The referee signalled for a penalty, and Langston stepped up and sent the keeper the wrong way.

There was a quick response from Lichfield with their number nine calmly slotting the ball past Pond to bring Lichfield level.

Just before half-time Lovatt put The Scholars back in front. He recieved the ball in the penalty box and was swarmed by defenders but still managed to get the ball from under his feet and blast a shot past the keeper to make it 2-1.

After half-time Chasetown gifted Lichfield an equaliser with the ball being slotted past Allen who had replaced Pond in the Chasetown goal.

Lichfield then went on to score again and for the first time in the match they were in front, Lichfield's number 11 firing home past Allen.

Chasetown, now trailing 3-2 in their opening match of pre-season, were given a free kick on the edge of the area taken by Whieldon. At first it looked like being a comfortable take for the keeper but the ball slipped out of his hands and hit a post before a Chasetown trialist put the ball into an empty net.

## Legend Hibbitt in new book launch

WOLVES legend and former Walsall boss Kenny Hibbitt will be promoting his new book with signings at a number of venues over the next week.

Seasons of My Life, with Tim Nash, will be launched at WV1 Bar, Wolverhampton, between 11am and 2pm on Saturday, with special guests.

Further free signings take place at Bar Sport, Cannock, on Monday; at the Cleveland Arms, Wolverhampton, on Tuesday; and at the Chestnut Tree, Finchfield, on Thursday, all 8-10pm, and on Saturday, July 21 in Wolverhampton's Mander Centre 11am-2pm. All signings feature a Q&A session.

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